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FOREWORD

This is a story of "Maister" Thomas Miller, Master of Arts (Camb. 1588), who raised a family of thirteen children on a 90-acre tract called Dane O'Coys, Bishop's Stortford, co. Herts, inherited from his father in 1584. (Appendix, 3, 6.) "Maister" Thomas Miller, M.A., was a country gentleman and highly educated. The terms of his will in 1627 provided that Dane O'Coys was to pass down to his "eldest son," Thomas Junior. But his widow, Agnes, had a life interest and lived until 1643. Thomas Miller, Jr., "eldest son," never had possession. He had married a year before his father died and after 1627 had a son Thomas III, and two daughters, Mary and Anne. He died 1640 and his son Thomas III became heir to Dane O'Coys. Widow Agnes Miller died 1643, at which date Dane O'Coys belonged to Thomas Miller III, ten years old.

His mother, Hester (Cramphorne) Miller, was executrix and Daniel Cramphorne, her brother, was a trustee of the estate. Thus the happy home of the family of "Maister" Thomas Miller was lost to his own children. When Thomas III grew up, he married Susan Thurgood (1652) and both died without issue before 1665. (Par. Reg., Sabridgeworth, co. Herts.)

The economic conditions of England, about 1635, during the reign of Charles I—a veritable tyrant—drove 10,000 people from England to New England, including at least four members of the family of "Maister" Thomas Miller, Gent. These four emigrated to Roxbury, namely, Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, born 1593, wife of Isaac Heath of Amwell; Agnes or Anne (Miller) Burnap, born 1600, wife of Robert Burnap, also of Amwell; Margaret Miller, born 1603, wife of Thomas Waterman, married after 1641, of Roxbury; and, as we will try to prove, Joseph Miller, 13th child, born 1616. All these landed in Roxbury, New England, following the Denisons, namely, William Denison, his wife Margaret Chandler (a cousin of the Millers), and sons Daniel, Edward, and George, and their old grandmother, Agnes Willie (Denison) Gace, who had emigrated in 1631 with the Rev. John Eliot of Nazing, Co. Essex.

William Heath of Nazing with his 2d wife Mary (Cramphorne) Heath and their children Peleg, Mary, and Hannah migrated to Roxbury in 1632. William and Isaac Heath brothers.

Elizabeth Miller was the mother of a daughter Elizabeth Heath, who married John Bowles, a "Ruling Elder" of Roxbury, and emigrant ancestor of a long line of distinguished men bearing the name of Bowles.

Agnes Miller was the mother of Isaac and Thomas Burnap, ancestors of many distinguished men, some of whom changed their name to Burnet.

Margaret Miller, as far as known, left no children by her husband, Thomas Waterman.

Joseph Miller, the boy pioneer, solved his economic problem by marrying Mary Pope, sole heiress of the home of her father, Walter Pope of Charlestown. They raised a good-sized family in Newton, Mass.; the next three generations of Millers moved to Worcester, Mass. The predominant trait of interest in church and education has been a characteristic of seven generations of this Miller family in America.

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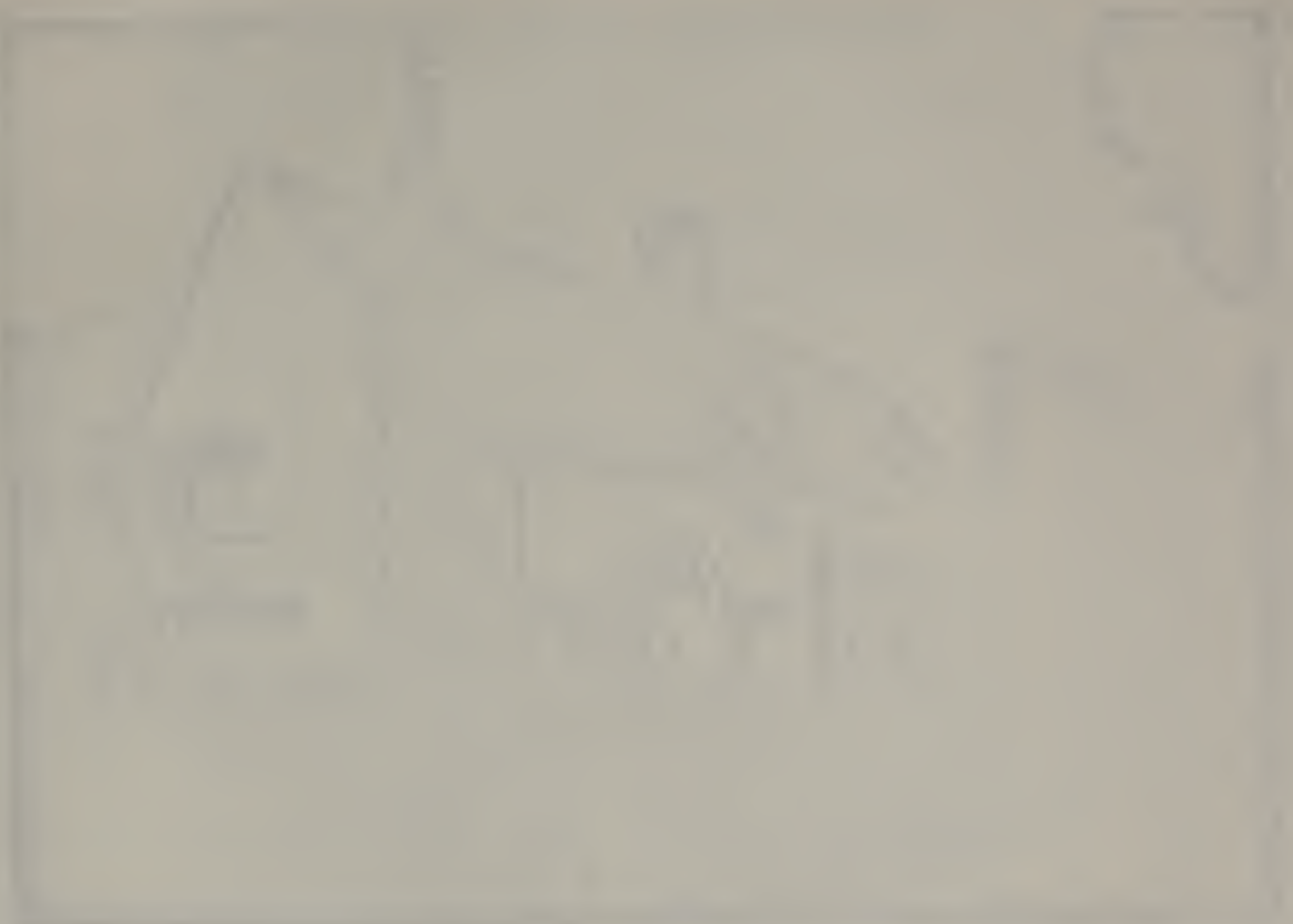
"DANE O'COYS" AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD

The home of the Miller Family from 1570 to 1660



Joseph Miller's father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all church wardens in Bishop's Stortford and, in a straight line of his Miller descendants concern with church and education was and is a paramount characteristic. All but one of these were deacons, ministers, elders or wardens. Among them we find membership on school boards, petitioners for school houses, educators, college professors and tutors, and donors of land for school purposes.

Undoubtedly these four members of the Thomas Miller family of Bishop's Stortford were prompted to emigrate to New England chiefly for economic reasons. I am supported in this contention by Miss E. M. Tenison, the English historian, who has read a part of my manuscript. Her conclusion was that Joseph Miller emigrated to New England prompted by an adventurous spirit and not to escape persecution.

About 1925 I secured a copy of the will of Thomas Miller, M.A., of Bishop's Stortford; also the transcription of all Miller entries in the Parish Register from which I was enabled to discern the similarity of family names given children baptized in England, and also children baptized in New England. The continuity of names was a major reason for accepting Joseph Miller of Bishop's Stortford as my ancestor. In 1928 I announced in the *Compendium of American Genealogy* that Joseph Miller was my ancester.

MILLER

1. JOHN[1] MILLER, born before 1508; made his will in Bishop's Stortford, June 14, 1551, which was proved Feb. 13, 1554/5 (Appendix 2). In the Church Wardens' accounts of St. Michael's Church in 1540 is found an item as follows: "Receyved of John Myller and John Smyth for the stok of our Lady Yeld 11j li VIIIjd." It is supposed to refer to the dissolution of the Guild of the Virgin Mary. Miller lived in Crooked Lane in Stortford and his wife was KATHERINE ——. He was assessed a Lay Subsidy tax in Stortford, Oct. 27, 1545 (of 13s. 4d.). (*Herts Genealogist and Antiquary*, 2:277). He was a church warden, 1540.

Children:

+ 2. i. JOHN[2], to have remainder (after his mother's death) outside the North Gate in Stortford, June 14, 1551.
+ 3. ii. WILLIAM[2], eldest son and executor with his mother and to have remainder of his father's estate, June 14, 1551; alive July 4, 1584, d. Apr. 12, 1592.

There were five sisters (possibly sisters-in-law) of John[2] living May 18, 1584.

SUSANNA, perhaps a daughter of William, bapt. in Stortford, Oct. 25, 1563.

ELIZABETH, perhaps a daughter of William, bapt. in Stortford, July 30, 1570.

2. JOHN[2] MILLER (John[1]) received a part of his father's estate outside the North Gate in Stortford 14 June 1551. He was called "the elder" of two at the time he made his will, 18 May 1584, which was proved 31 Oct. 1584 (Appendix 3). He was buried in Bishop's Stortford, 4 July 1584. He was assessed in the Subsidy, 1 May 1563, in Stortford on goods valued at £8 a tax of 13s. 4d. He was assessed 20 Feb. 1566/7, on goods valued at £8, a tax of 8s. In the Subsidy of 18 Oct. 1571, his valuation was £8 and his tax was 13s. 4d. He married about 1558 JOHAN THURGOOD, daughter of John[2] Thurgood of Stortford. She was buried as a widow in Stortford 3 Nov. 1590.

He owned a butchery in Stortford and bequeathed the houses "wherein I now dwell" and his dovehouses at Hockerell Bridge to his wife Joan. His son John was to have the houses "between my dwelling and the mill", his barn at the North Gate, his Lynchwell meadow and the "croft my father gave me at Waight's Cross and my tenement at Hockerell Bridge and another Tenement in

Stortford in the Butchery he paying my wife Johan £20 a year for life." To his son Thomas "my messuage called Dayne of Coyffes [Dane O'Coys] in Stortford which I bought of my father-in-law John Thurgood and my brother-in-law John Thurgood and his wife." To his daughter Lucy he gave a messuage in Little Hadham at marriage or at the age of 21. To George Hawkins, my daughter Mary's child, £10. He also made bequests to Agnes Thurgood, daughter of his brother-in-law Nicholas and to his brother William Miller, 40s. To his five sisters (not named) he gave 20s. each. To his son John "my part of Stansted Park," he to be executor. His wife's brother, Nicholas Thurgood, to be overseer.

His widow, Johan Miller of Stortford, made her will, 5 Oct. 1590, which was proved 19 Dec. 1590 (Appendix 4). She mentions her son Thomas Miller to have her young corn at Dane Acoyas (Dane O'Coys), seven silver spoons and a chest in which his father kept his writings; her daughter Mary, the children of her son John, her brother's daughter Annis Thurgood and her brother Nicholas Thurgood. They lived at Dane O'Coys, three-quarters of a mile from the center of Stortford.

The children of John[2] Miller, born in Stortford:

+ 4. i. John[3], b. before 1561.
+ 5. ii. Thomas[3], b. before 1561.
iii. Lucy[3], unmarried, 18 May 1584, perhaps buried 10 Sept. 1585; probably mar. 2 Aug. 1584 John Harvey of Little Hadham. Several Harvey names appear in Parish Register, and in 1608 John Harvey, gent., was buried.
iv. Mary[3], bp. 11 Feb. 1561/2; mar. in Stortford, 22 July 1581, George* Hawkyn (son of George Hawkin prop. "George Inn" in Stortford).

THE WILLIAM MILLER BRANCH IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD

3. WILLIAM[2] MILLER (John[1]), "eldest son", born about 1530, probably in Stortford. He was a constable in 1566, a Collector for the Poor in 1566 and was paid 4s. 4d. In 1558 he paid to the church 15d. He was church warden 1560–61. His subsidy in 1563 was £9 15s. paid in goods; in 1566, £7 7s.: in 1571, 20s.

(*Feet of Fines*)—In 1581 William Miller, Senior, John Miller and George Hawkyn, Junior, bought land in Stortford from Paul Connyngton and Anne his wife and George Jacobe and John Jacobe.

William[2] Miller, "eldest son" of John[1] and Katherine Miller, died in 1592 and was buried in Stortford 12 April 1592. Most of his children were probably born in Stortford before the Parish Register was introduced in 1561, but only one can be accounted for, and he must have been born about 1560—hence the following:

i. John[3], born about 1560.
ii. Susanna[3], bp. 8 Nov. 1562 (Parish Register).

JOHN[3] MILLER (William[2], John[1]) of Bishop's Stortford was called "Junior," "Long John," "Senior" and "The Elder." Born about 1560, he died in Stortford and was buried 11 Oct. 1633, registered as "Sen." He married 21 Nov. 1585 MARY PYLSTON of Stortford. The Pylston family, one of the leading families of Stortford, dates back to 1517. William Pylston and a John Miller

* The will of Johane Stafford, widow (of John Staverd of London who died 1582), dated Oct. 1614, pr. 8 Nov. 1614, was witnessed by "my brother George Hawkins the elder" (m. Mary Miller and had George Jr. 1582, and Thomas, Grace, Alice, and died 1620). The will provides for "my cousin Grace Hawkins, da. of my brother George, & my niece Alice Hawkins." Philip Felton, son of my da. (Katherine) Felton. To Philip Rogers, son of my da. Johane. To my da. Anne Broadstreet lands, houses &c in Stortford, Herts (Simon Brodstreet, son of Simon, bur. in Stortford 1619). (See pages 234 to 237, Waters' *Gen. Gleanings in England.*)

were church wardens in 1571. Mary Pylston Miller was buried in Stortford 6 April 1621, registered "wife of Long John Miller."

The children of John[3] and Mary (Pylston) Miller were as follows:

i. Johanna, bp. 11 Sept. 1586.
ii. Grace, bp. 2 Feb. 1588.
iii. John, bp. 7 Mar. 1590; d. Mar. 19, 1590.
iv. William[4], bp. 21 May 1592; m. Ellener Alliat (Eliot) Apr. 25, 1620. (*See below.*)
v. Anne, bp. 25 Aug. 1594.
vi. John, bp. 19 Apr. 1596; died an infant.
vii. John[4], bp. 10 Jul. 1597.
viii. Margaret, bp. 22 Oct. 1598.
ix. Elizabeth, bp. 20 Mar. 1601/2.
x. Leonard, bp. 22 Jul. 1606.
xi. Thomas[4], bp. 7 Nov. 1609. Prob. d. in Middletown, Conn., 1680, "above 70." (Savage, *Dict.*)

John[3] Miller registered as "Sen[r]." married (secondly) 8 Jul. 1622 Agnes Chandler, the widow of Henry Chandler, who had died in 1618. She had no children by "Long John" Miller, and as wife of John "The Elder" she was buried 6 Dec. 1630. By this marriage "Long John" Miller became the stepfather of Agnes Chandler's children: among these was William Chandler, 27 years old, who had married Alice Thorowgood of Farnham (two miles north of Stortford) in 1621, and had daus. Eliza, bp. 1622 (d. 1636) and Sarah, bp. 1624 (d. 1626). William's wife Alice was bur. 15 June 1625. The following year he mar. (2nd) Agnes or Annis Bayford. In 1637 William and Annis Chandler migrated to Roxbury with four children—William, Hannah, John and Sara. Hannah Chandler m. George Abbott of Stortford and Roxbury (later Andover) in 1646. Son William Chandler m. Mary Dane, da. of Dr. John Dane of Stortford. (*N. E. Reg.*, April, 1931.)

THOMAS[4] MILLER OF MIDDLETOWN, CONN., 1609–1680

This second marriage of "Long John" Miller and widow Agnes Chandler in 1622 resulted in Agnes becoming the stepmother of all the Miller children, one of whom has special interest, notably Thomas Miller, born 7 Nov. 1609, then only 13 years old (1622). This Thomas Miller was the youngest son of "Long John" Miller with his stepmother, Agnes, until her death in 1630, when Thomas would be of age—21. Thomas Miller's father died three years later, leaving Thomas Miller an orphan 24 years old, doubtless fully capable of controlling his own movements.

At this date, 1633, his relatives, the Denisons, had been residents of Roxbury, Mass., for two years. William Denison of Stortford married Margaret Chandler (bapt. 1577), a daughter of Tobias and Joane (Momford) Chandler, an own cousin of William Chandler, a stepbrother of Thomas Miller (*N. E. Reg.*, April, 1931). Elizabeth (Miller) Heath of Roxbury after 1635 was a second cousin of Thomas Miller, son of "Long John" Miller.

With the intimate relationships between the Millers and Chandlers and Denisons, it would not be surprising that one or more of the sons of "Long John" Miller emigrated from Bishop's Stortford to Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Several genealogists have credited Thomas Miller of Middletown to Bishop's Stortford, but none of them have identified "Long John" Miller as the son of William[2] Miller.

Others agree that in 1635 Thomas Miller arrived in Dorchester, remaining a short time and then moving to Rowley. From Rowley he went to Middletown. Holmes' *Directory of Ancestral Heads of New England Families* is quoted as follows: "Thomas Miller, carpenter, b. Eng. 1610, came from Birmingham to

Dorchester 1635; removed to Rowley and in 1653 moved to Middletown, Conn."

From Clapp's *History of Dorchester* this is quoted: "Among the list who joined the new church in 1636 we find Tho. Miller;" also on page 130, "Joseph Miller from Dorchester settled in Camb. Village."

Thomas Miller removed to Rowley where "Thomas Miller sometimes spelled Mylner had an acre and a half house lot in 1643. He was licensed to draw wine (1647), paying 15s. annually. In 1651 he was of Rowley with his wife Isabel and was a carpenter. He soon removed to Middletown, Conn." (*Essex Inst. Coll.*, Vol. 22, page 219.)

Thomas Miller of Middletown died at the age of 70 in 1680. In fact Thomas Miller died 69 years and 9 months after his baptism in Stortford, Nov. 7, 1609, and if he was baptized at the age of 3 months, then he died 70 years after his birth.

The *Connecticut Probate Records*, Hartford District, Vol. 3 and 4, contain a brief copy of his will, dated 11 Aug. 1680, in which the following appears: "being something about 70 years of age." He refers to his daughter Anne, who had married Nathaniel Bacon, the child of his first wife Isabel who died in 1666, and according to Savage, "when above 56 years old married 6 June 1666 Sarah, daughter of Samuel Nettleton of Branford."

The children of Thomas Miller and his 2nd wife Sarah Nettleton appear in vital records as follows:

i. Thomas, bp. 6 May 1666, m. Elizabeth Turner 1688; d. 24 Sept. 1729.
ii. Samuel, bp. 1 Apr. 1668, m. Mary Eggleston 1702; he d. 1738.
iii. Joseph, bp. 21 Aug. 1670, m. Rebecca Johnson 1701 and d. Dec. 1717.
iv. Benjamin, bp. 20 Jul. 1672, m. Mary Johnson, b. 14 Feb. 1673 of Woodstock, Conn.
v. John, bp. 10 Mar. 1674, m. Marcy Beven 1700; d. 3 May 1745.
vi. Margaret, bp. 1 Sep. 1676, m. Isaac Johnson 1695, grandson of Capt. Isaac Johnson of Roxbury whom Eliz. (Miller) Heath in will 1664 calls "my cousin."
vii. Sarah, bp. 7 Jan. 1678.
viii. Mehitable, bp. 28 Mar. 1681.

By comparing the names of the children of Thomas Miller of Middletown with those of John Miller (his father) of Bishop's Stortford, it will be noted that the names Thomas, John and Margaret appear in both together with Samuel and Joseph, popular names in Bishop's Stortford Millers at that period.

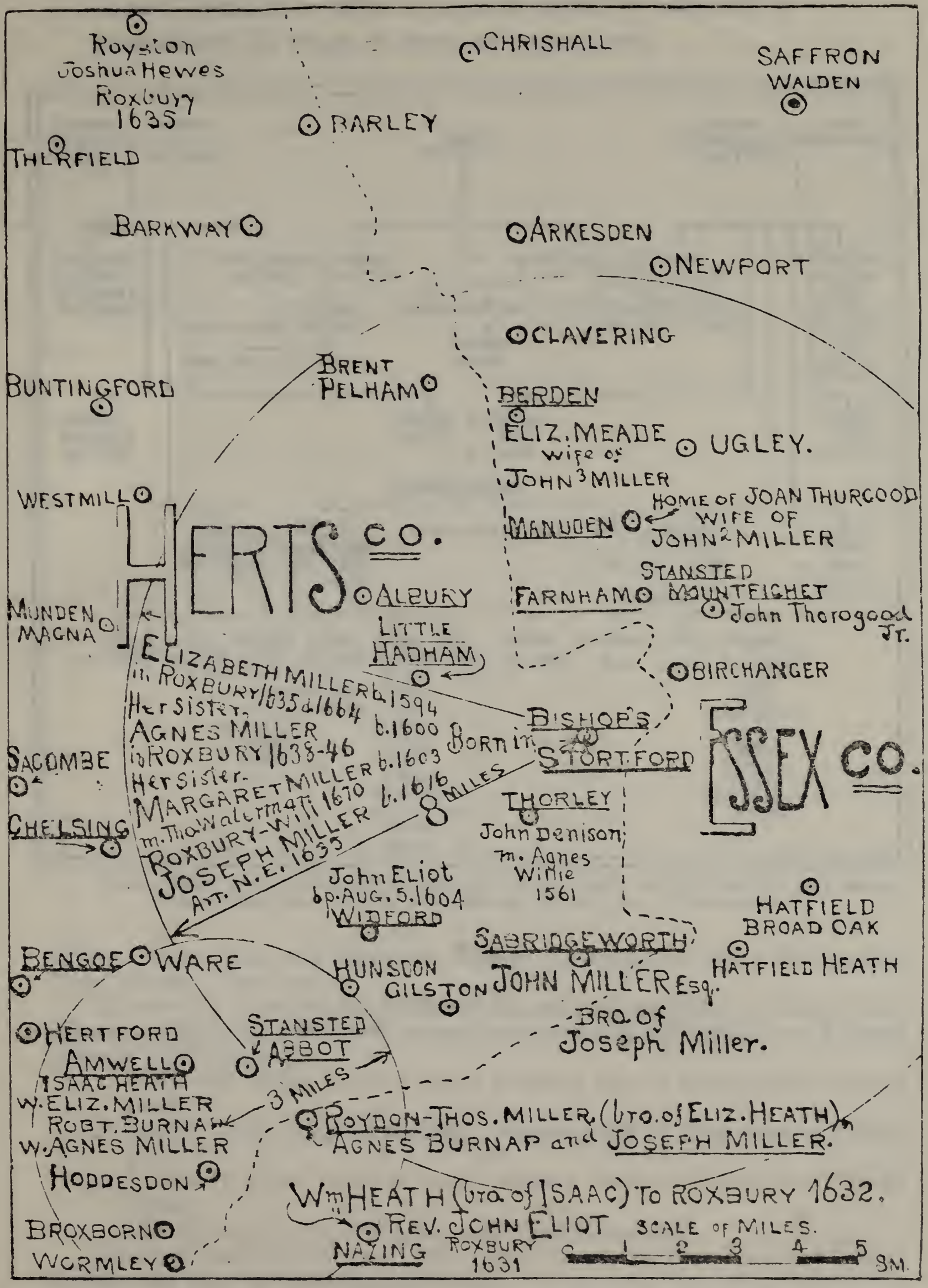
WILLIAM MILLER OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD

William[4] Miller, son of "Long John"[3] Miller, bp. 21 May, 1592, married Ellener Alliat (Eliot) 25 Apr. 1620; died 23 Jan. 1656.

i. Mary, bp. 26 Oct. 1623; died 3 Nov. 1624.
ii. William, bp. 27 Dec. 1625; mar. and had John 1656 and William 1657.
iii. James, bp. 6 Oct. 1628.
iv. Richard, bp. 1 Mar. 1630.
v. Margaret, bp. 23 Jul. 1633.
A son, buried 4 Jul. 1633.
vi. Ann, bp. 14 Apr. 1636.

MILLERS AND JOHNSONS

That there was a close relation between Capt. Isaac Johnson of Roxbury and the Millers of Stortford and Roxbury is proven in the wills of both Elizabeth



SKETCH MAP OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD AND VICINITY

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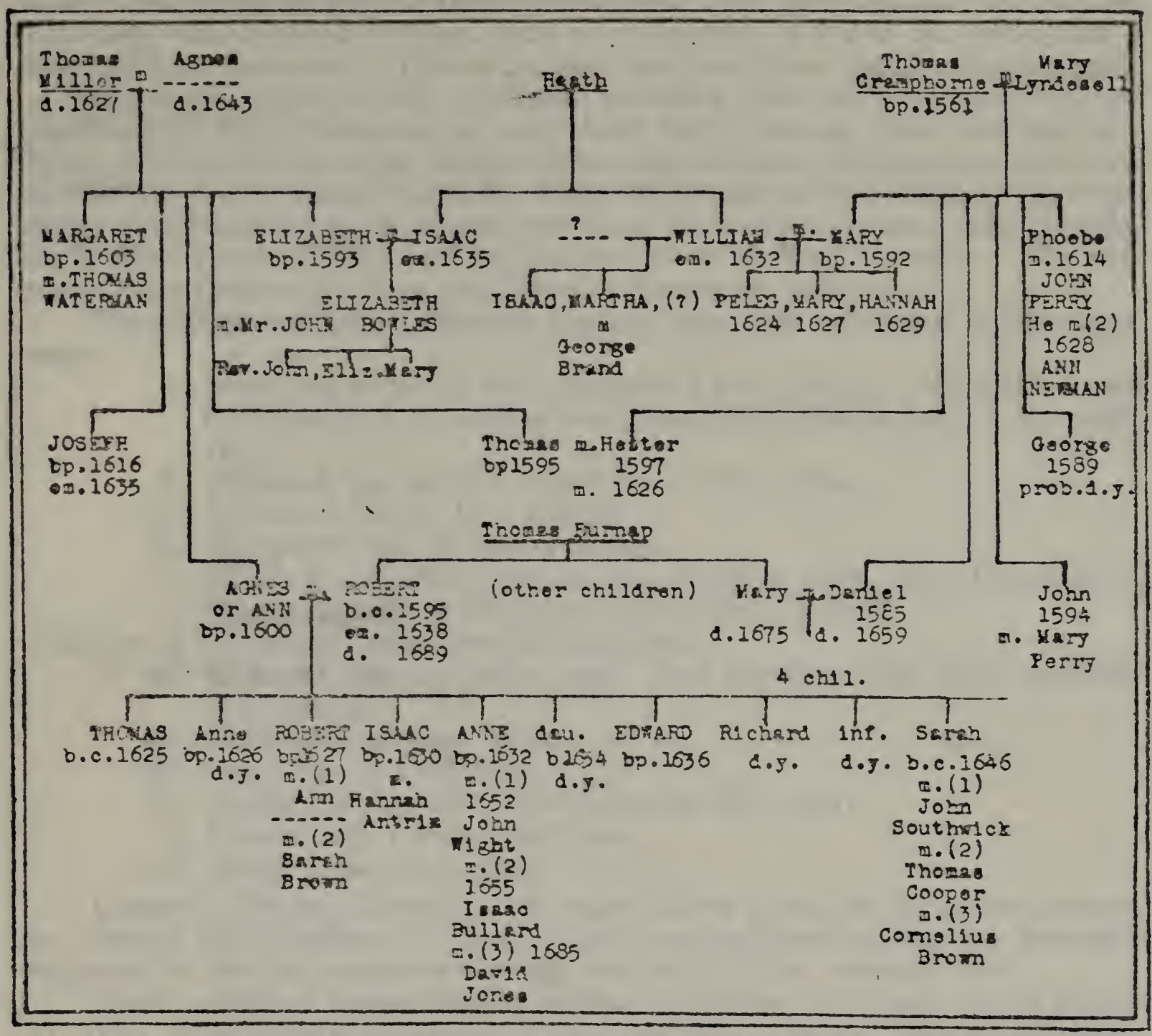
CHART SHOWING VARIOUS RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FAMILIES OF MILLERS OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD, OF HEATHS OF NAZING AND AMWELL, OF CRAMPHORNES OF SABRIDGEWORTH, AND BURNAPS OF AMWELL AND STANSTED ABBOT.


Thomas Miller d.1627 m Agnes ------ d.1643
Heath
Thomas Cramphorne bp.1561 m Mary Lyndesell
MARGARET bp.1603 m.THOMAS WATERMAN
ELIZABETH bp.1593 m ISAAC em.1635
ELIZABETH m.Mr.JOHN BOWLES
Rev.John, Eliz. Mary
? ---- WILLIAM em. 1632 m MARY bp.1592
ISAAC, MARTHA, (?) m George Brand
PELEG, MARY, HANNAH 1624 1627 1629
Phoebe m.1614 JOHN PERRY He m(2) 1628 ANN NEWMAN
JOSEPH bp.1616 em.1635
Thomas bp1595 m.Hester 1597 m. 1626
George 1589 prob.d.y.
Thomas Burnap
AGNES or ANN bp.1600
ROBERT b.c.1595 em. 1638 d. 1689
(other children)
Mary d.1675 m.Daniel 1585 d. 1659
4 chil.
John 1594 m. Mary Perry
THOMAS b.c.1625 d.y.
Anne bp.1626
ROBERT bp.1627 m.(1) Ann ------ m.(2) Sarah Brown
ISAAC bp.1630 m. Hannah Antrim
ANNE bp.1632 m.(1) 1652 John Wight m.(2) 1655 Isaac Bullard m.(3) 1685 David Jones
dau. b1634 d.y.
EDWARD bp.1636
Richard d.y.
inf. d.y.
Sarah b.c.1646 m.(1) John Southwick m.(2) Thomas Cooper m.(3) Cornelius Brown

Note. Names in CAPITALS are of persons who emigrated to New England. All dates, unless otherwise stated, are dates of birth. em. - Emigrated.

(Miller) Heath 1664, and Margaret (Miller) Waterman in 1670. Both called Capt. Johnson, "my cousin."

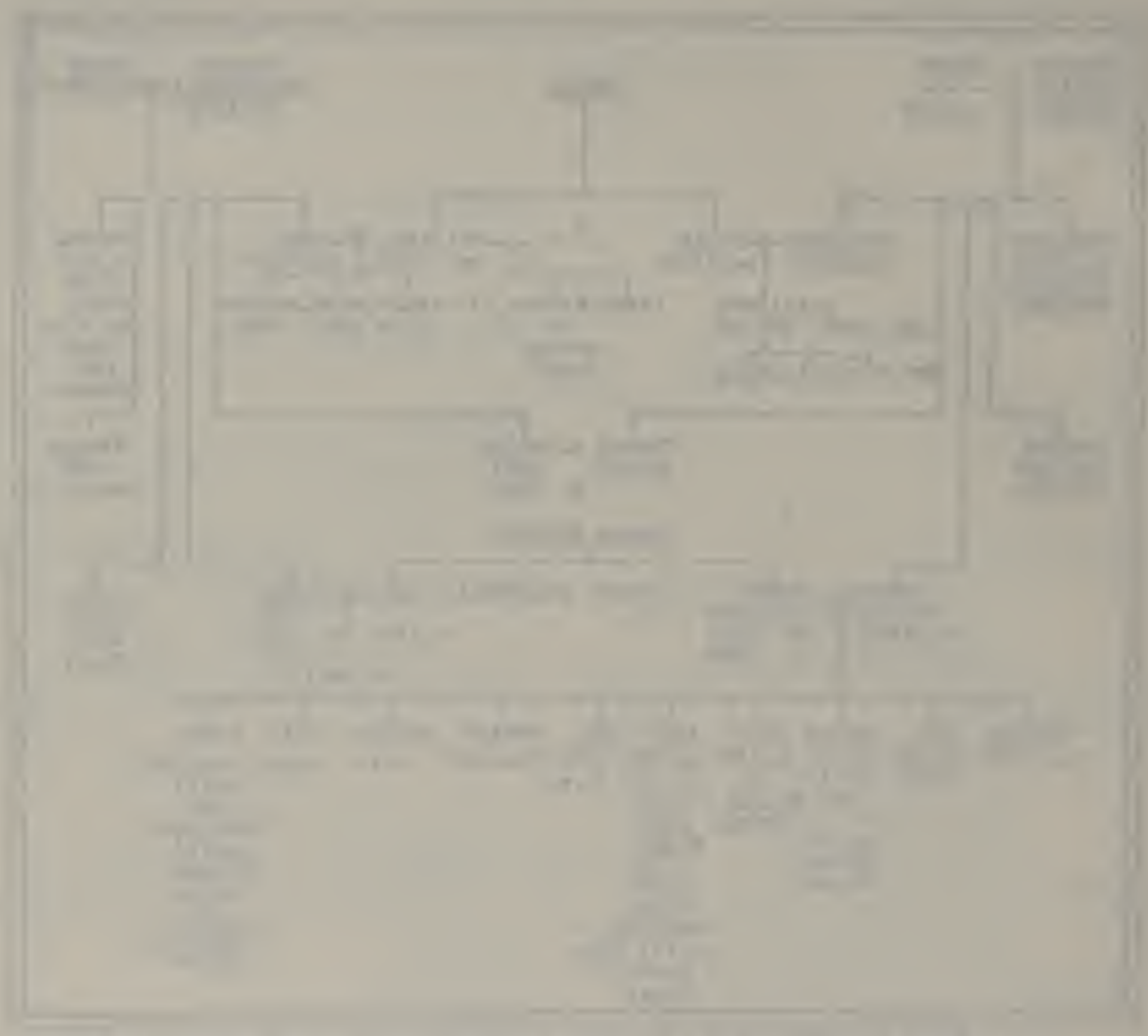
Some years later two granddaughters and one grandson of Capt. Isaac Johnson (children of Nathaniel) married two sons and one daughter of Thomas Miller of Middletown.

1. Benjamin Miller married Mary Johnson (da. of Nathaniel of Woodstock).
2. Joseph Miller married Rebecca Johnson (da. of Nathaniel of Woodstock).
3. Margaret Miller married Isaac Johnson (son of Nathaniel of Woodstock).

(See *Hist. of North Brookfield*, and Vital Records.)

This triple union is not proof, but it lends testimony that Thomas Miller of Middletown was "of Bishop's Stortford."

4. JOHN[3] MILLER (John[2], John[1]), born probably in Stortford, as early as 1560; buried there 12 Sept. 1612. He married in Stortford, 25 Apr. 1582,



ELLEN SPRENGER (SPRAUNGE). She was buried in Stortford, 11 June 1592. John married 2nd, Elizabeth Meade, da. of Edward and Agnes Meade of Berden, co. Essex, 1592/3.

He maintained a butchery and was assessed in 1593 "to defend the Kingdom" £20; in the Subsidy of 1609 on a value of £4 a tax of 5s. 4d. His widow Elizabeth was assessed 27 Mar. 1626 on value 20s., a tax of 4s., and again 9 Dec. 1628 on the same. This is the last mention of her that has been found.

In his will dated 26 Mar. 1601 and proved 9 Nov. 1612 (Appendix 5), he mentions his wife Elizabeth, his poor Aunt Holly, his son John, his daughter Agnes Miller, his daughter Sarah Miller, his daughter Katherine Miller, his brother (in-law) Richard Mead, his daughter Ursula, his son William, his three eldest daughters Joane, Margaret and Jane, his brother (in-law) John Meade, his brother Thomas Miller and his brother-in-law Richard Sprenger. The witnesses were George Hawkyn and Thomas Barnarde, Scrivener.

The children of John[3] Miller by his first wife, who were born in Stortford, were:

i. John[4], bp. betw. 17 Dec. 1583 and 5 Jan. 1583/4. His will is found in Appendix 8, his widow's in Appendix 11, his son John in Appendix 10.
ii. William[4], bp. 28 Nov. 1585; bur. 8 Oct. 1610.
iii. Johanne[4], bp. 21 Jan. 1587/8.
iv. Margaret[4], bp. 22 Feb. 1589/90.
v. Jane[4], bp. 26 Feb. 1591/2; m. 18 Sept. 1615, John Chandler of Stortford, bro. of Margaret (Chandler) Denison.

Children of the second wife, born in Stortford:

vi. Richard[4], bp. 15 July 1593. Not mentioned in will; probably died young.*
vii. Anne[4], bp. 25 Aug. 1594.
viii. Sara[4], bp. 17 Oct. 1596.
ix. Katherine[4], bp. abt. 1598; alive 26 Mar. 1601.
x. Ursula[4], bp. 1 Feb. 1600/1601.
xi. Mary[4], bp. 5 Dec. 1603.

Cussan's *History of Herts*, Vol. 1, page 8, gives a long list of persons assessed to "defend the Kingdom" in 1593. Only two residents of Bishop's Stortford appeared in this list, and one of them was John Miller, assessed £20.

NOTE.—*Will* of Agnes Meade, widow of Berden, co. Essex, dated March 31, 1601, Commissary of London, Essex and Herts, gives "Elizabeth Miller, my daughter, £50. . . . John Miller, her husband. . . . To the four living children of my daughter (Elizabeth) Miller, Agnes, Sarah, Katherine and Ursula," omitting Richard, bp. July 1593 and Mary, bp. 5 Dec. 1603. Probably Richard died before 1601 and Mary was unborn in 1601. "My late husband Edward Meade, daughters Margaritte, Joane, Mary, Elizabeth and Agnes. . . . To my brother Richard Meade a ring of gold. . . . To Agnes Nobbes daughter of *my* daughter Margarrett. . . . Sons Richard, Nicholas, Reginald, Rienhold, Thomas, Edward, John. . . . To Joan Hammond my daughter £20. . . . To her 8 children now living, Agnes, Margarett, Thomas, Edward, Robert, Richard, Martha and Sarah, 40s. when married or 21. . . . To 3 daughters of my da. Agnes Thorowgood (Agnes, Mary and Sarah). Jaffrey Thorowgood, husband of Agnes. . . . John Thorowgood, son of my da. Agnes, 53s. when 21" [not 21 in 1601].

FAMILY OF THOMAS MILLER, GENT.—THIRD GENERATION

5. THOMAS[3] MILLER (John[2], John[1]) born in Stortford before 1561; buried in Bishop's Stortford, 23 May 1627. His will is given in Appendix 6. He

* Elizabeth (Meade) Miller's first born son was named Richard, probably in honor of her brother Richard Meade.

matriculated as a pensioner as Thos. Mylner at Trinity College, Cambridge, Michaelmas 1581; received the degree of B.A., 1584/5 and M.A., 1588. He lived in Bishop's Stortford from 1590 to 1627. In the Parish Register he is called "Mr. Thomas Miller," in Hadham Hall Court records "Thomas Miller, Gent.", indicating that he was held in high esteem. He married Agnes, possibly but not necessarily as his 2nd wife, and settled on her by jointure, 7 March 1620, his dwelling in Stortford (Dane O'Coys). She was buried in Stortford, 8 Aug. 1643. As his marriage occurred outside of Stortford and the death of his first wife, if any, is not recorded in Stortford, it is impossible to state which children were by Agnes, excepting Joseph, baptized in 1616, the entry reading as follows: "Joseph Miller sonne of Thomas & Agnes." The practice of registering the name of both parents began in Stortford May, 1615, about a year and a half before Joseph was baptized.

The children of Thomas Miller, M.A., born in Bishop's Stortford were:

i. Elizabeth[4], bp. 3 Mar. 1593 [1593/4?]; d. Roxbury, Mass., 1 Jan. 1664 wid. of "Ruling Elder" Isaac Heath, at the "age about 70."†

ii. Thomas[4], Jr., bp. 18 May 1595; "eldest son"; married 18 May 1626, Hester Cramphorne and had: Mary[5], 25 Apr. 1629 in Sabridgeworth; Anne[5], 9 Oct. 1630, bp. in Bishop's Stortford; Thomas[5], Jr., 28 Apr. 1633, bp. in St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford. Thomas[4] Miller, heir to Dane O'Coys, after death of mother; died in Royden, Essex, bet. 19 May and 1 July 1640. His will is given in Appendix 9. Thomas[5] Miller at the age of 10 years inherited Dane O'Coys after the death of Agnes, widow of Thomas[3] Miller, M.A., in 1643. Hester Miller, widow of Thomas[4], was the executrix of the will of Thomas[4] and probably administratrix. Thomas[5] Miller in 1652, at the age of 19, married Susan Thurgood 1 Oct. at Sabridgeworth. He died before his wife. Susan Miller, widow, died or was buried 1 Nov. 1664, leaving no issue.

iii. Joan[4], bp. 5 Dec. 1596; married (probably Edward) Marshall. She died 1630/31. No male issue.

iv. John[4], bp. 2 May 1598, bur. after 1680; mar. Elizabeth, bur. 17 Sept. 1678. They lived in Sabridgeworth, probably occupying property mentioned in the will of Thomas Miller, M.A., as follows: "All that my messuage & [torn off] . . . my coppyholds and customary lands with the appurtenances situate & being in Sabridgeworth." Their children were: John[5], bp. 13 Nov. 1635, died young; Mary[5], bp. 26 Jan. 1636, mar. Charles Veere.‡ Another John[5] Miller, bp. 10 Jan. 1639; mar. Anne Fowler,ø bp. 1659; she died 11 Feb. 1709. They were married about

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† Elizabeth Miller, the first born of Thomas Miller, M.A., was baptized 1593, and married between 1627 and 1629, Isaac Heath of Amwell, co. Herts. Isaac Heath was a brother of William Heath who had married, as his 2nd wife, Mary Cramphorne, and had Peleg, Mary, and Hannah—all born in Nazing. These went to Roxbury in 1632. Mary Cramphorne was the sister of Hester, wife of Thomas Miller, Jr., brother of Elizabeth. Isaac Heath, age 50, Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, his wife, age 40 (actually more than 42), and a child of 5 years named Elizabeth, and a "niece" Martha Heath, age 30, sailed on the "Hopewell" Sept. 1635, with Joseph Miller, age "15" (more than 18). (Banks, *The Planters of the Commonwealth*, 175–6.)

The will of Elizabeth Heath (1664), widow of Isaac Heath, "Ruling Elder," mentions Isaac Burnap as follows: "that his mother, my sister," etc. "His mother" was Agnes or Anne (Miller) Burnap of Roxbury and Reading. This will mentions also "my sister Waterman," Margaret (Miller) Waterman. (*Roxbury Lives of Heath, Bowles, Eliot*, by Thornton, 1850.)

‡ (*Feet of Fines*)—Charles Veere & Mary his wife & John Miller, Elizabeth his wife: sell to John Wingfield & Robert Stotesbury 2 houses, gardens & orchards 57 acres of meadow 5 acres of pasture in Sabridgeworth—£100 Sterling. (See Appendix 14.)

ø Anne Fowler may have been a 2nd wife married between the birth of Elizabeth 1683 and Susannah 1690, a gap of seven years.

1679. Their children were: Mary[6], bp. 17 Mar. 1680; Anne[6], 6 Feb. 1682; Elizabeth[6], 22 March 1683, mar. Thomas Eaglesfield and had one son William; Susanna[6], 30 May 1690; Barbara[6], 22 March 1693. All entries in St. Mary's Church, Sabridgeworth employed the prefix "Mr." Thus "Mr. John & Anne." Mr. John[5] Miller, Gent., church warden 1705 to 1709; buried 10 March 1712, leaving no male issue. Both were buried in a floor vault in Great St. Mary's Church. Apparently the vault contained John Miller, Gent., Anne, the wife of John Miller, Gent., and William, "only child of Thomas Eaglesfield, Gent., by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Miller, Gent., O.B. 19 Jan. 1726, age 17."

v. Agnes[4], bp. 3 May, 1600; died 27 April 1681 in Reading, Mass.; she married about 1624, Robert Burnap of Stanstead Abbot and later from Amwell, co. Herts. Robert and Agnes (Miller) Burnap followed Isaac and Elizabeth (Miller) Heath to Roxbury in 1638 and after a residence of 8 years moved to Reading, Mass. Robert died 27 Sept. 1689 in Reading. Agnes or Anne§ was not mentioned in the will of her father Thomas, probably as she had already received her marriage portion, but her father bequeathed to her son Thomas Burnap as "my grandson." The will of Robert Burnap of Reading, Mass., dated 15 Nov. 1688, recognized this son Thomas as his "eldest son" as follows: "To my son Thomas, homestead & town privileges with house & land." Their children were:

1. Thomas, b. about 1625. Mentioned in will of Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., 1627, as "Thomas Burnap my grandchild."
2. Anne, bp. 30 Apr. 1626, da. of Robert Burnappe of Hodsden End and Alice his wife; bur. 20 March 1629.
3. Robert, bp. 28 Nov. 1627, son of Robert Burnappe of Hodsden End and Anne his wife; died 18 Oct. 1695 in Reading.
4. Isaac, bp. 20 Mar. 1629/30, son of Robert Burnappe of Hodsden End and Annis his wife; died 18 Sept. 1667. Isaac was mentioned in the will of his aunt Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, widow of Elder Isaac Heath, 1 Jan. 1664.
5. Anne, bp. 15 Apr. 1632, da. of Robert Burnappe of Hodsden End and Anne his wife; died March 1695. She married (1st) John Wight and had a child Abigail; mar. (2nd) Isaac Bullard and had 9 children; mar. (3rd) David Jones. (See *Burnap Gen.*) Anne inherited from her aunt Margaret Waterman, widow of Thomas Waterman of Roxbury, the house and lands owned and occupied by Margeret (Miller) Waterman. (Will of Margaret, wife of Thomas Waterman, 1670, by his consent.) This will also bequeathed all "moveables" to "her sister Anne Burnap of Redding, Mass." from his home in Roxbury.
6. A daughter of Robert Burnappe buried before baptism 18 Oct. 1634.
7. Edward, bp. Feb. 12, 1635/6, son of Robert Burnappe of Hodsden End, Chandler, and Annis his wife.
8. Richard.
9. Infant, d.y.
10. Sarah.

(See *Burnap-Burnett Genealogy* and Reading Vital Records.)

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§ Attention is called to the variety of names registered as the wife of Robert Burnap—Anne, Alice, Annis, while she was baptized as Agnes.

vi. Rev. Edward[4], born in Stortford, and bp. 25 Oct. 1601; matriculated as a sizar Queen's College, Cambridge, Easter 1618; B.A. 1621–2; M.A. 1625; ordained deacon in Peterborough, 12 June and as priest 13 June 1625. (*Alumni Cantabrigienses*, V. 3, 189.) Peterborough is a principal city of Northamptonshire; St. Peter's Parish is ancient, the registers beginning in 1578. Rev. Edward[4] Miller married* Ann Hawkshead (widow) (lic. 26 Dec. 1648) and had a son Rev. Edward[5] Miller, Jr., b. 1649 in Cambridge; grad. at St. John's College, Cambridge 1669, B.A. He was awarded an M.A. in 1673. Died 1720. Also a son Rev. Richard[5] Miller, b. 1651; grad. Christ College, Cambridge, B.A. 1669, M.A. 1673. Died 1702 (Peile, ii, 3).

vii. Margaret[4], bp. 2 Oct. 1603; mar. Thomas Waterman of Roxbury as his 2nd wife. He died 22 Jan. 1675; she died 1682/3. Margaret (Miller) Waterman was mentioned in the will (1664) of her sister Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, widow of Isaac Heath.

viii. William[4], bp. 7 Apr. 1605; mar. Ann Ward 1 May 1635. No issue registered in Bishop's Stortford.

ix. Isaac[4], bp. 8 Jan. 1608/9; alive 1627.

x. Mary[4], bp. 18 Feb. 1609/10; alive 1627. (A Mary Miller was buried 2 June 1670.)

xi. George[4], bp. 10 May 1612; mar. Elizabeth who was bur. 29 Aug. 1665. Parish Register reads: "wife of George Miller of London." In 1667 George Miller paid £60 to John Rogers and Thomas Hastler for a house, barn, and garden in Bishop's Stortford. (*Feet of Fines*, co. Herts., 1667.) In 1642 George Miller was living in Windhall, Bishop's Stortford. The Register contains the following children of George Miller:
1. John[5], bp. 22 Mar. 1639; died 27 Mar. 1640.
2. John[5], bp. 8 Aug. 1641.
3. Anne[5], bp. 25 Aug. 1644.

xii. Daniel[4], bp. 25 Mar. 1614; alive 17 May 1627.

xiii. Joseph[4], bp. 30 Dec. 1616, whom we will try to prove came to Roxbury, Mass., 1635 (age 18), in company with his eldest sister Elizabeth (age 42), wife of Isaac Heath.

Part II

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PROVEN FACTS ABOUT JOSEPH MILLER OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD

During the boyhood of Joseph Miller—1616 to 1635—King James I ruled England until 1625, and was succeeded by King Charles I. Both kings expelled or hung Catholic priests, persecuted Puritans and demanded regular church attendance. Archbishop Laud required strict adherence to the ritual of the Church of England. In 1633 Laud was promoted by King Charles I from Bishop of London to Archbishop of Canterbury. The effects of his persecution of Puritans are well known. However, the great exodus of 1635, so far as Bishop's Stortford was concerned, was chiefly prompted by economic reasons.

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* In 1661, Feb. 25, Mary Hawkshead, dau. of Ann Miller (alias Hawkshead), now ux Edward Miller, Gent. (St. Gregory, London) of Cambridge married (lic. Vicar-Genl. of the Arch. Bis. of Camb.) at age 23 Thomas Terry of Barnards Inn, Gent., Bach., about 30. (Parish Register, St. Edwards, Cambridge, England.)

1631 Exodus

The exodus of emigrants to New England from Bishop's Stortford in 1631 was undoubtedly led by Rev. John Eliot of Nazing and Rev. John Norton of Stortford. The followers of Eliot settled in Roxbury, Mass., and the followers of Norton in Ipswich.

Thomas Miller, eldest brother of Joseph, and heir to Dane O'Coys, lived in Royden, co. Essex, a hamlet adjoining Nazing, the leading town in which John Eliot was the undoubted leader.

Joseph's sister, Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, wife of Isaac Heath, lived in Amwell, and his sister Agnes (Miller) Burnap of Stanstead Abbott lived later (1634) in Amwell, all within a radius of two miles including Nazing and Royden. Thus Joseph Miller and his brothers and sisters were in close touch with emigration plans of both Bishop's Stortford and Nazing.

William Denison of Stortford with wife Margaret (Chandler) and sons Daniel, age 19, Edward, 15, and George, 11, migrated to Roxbury in 1631, in company with John Eliot.

Rev. John Norton, a native of Stortford (bp. 1602), was assistant in Stortford Grammar School after graduating from "Peterhouse," Cambridge, 1627, and curate to Rev. Mr. Bendish, St. Michael's Church, until 1632.

1632 Exodus

In 1632 William Heath of Nazing, co. Essex, brother-in-law of Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, with Mary (Cramphorne) his wife and their children, Peleg, bp. 30 Jan. 1624/5, Mary, bp. 2 Sept. 1627 and Hannah, bp. 5 Nov. 1629 (all baptized in Nazing), also followed John Eliot to Roxbury. Mary Heath, the wife of William, had a sister Hester Cramphorne, who had married Thomas Miller and lived in Royden adjoining Nazing.

Such an exodus of eleven persons, all related by marriage to Joseph Miller and his sisters of Bishop's Stortford, must have made a profound impression on all his family, including his mother.

It seems certain that Joseph Miller's eldest sister, Elizabeth, the wife of Isaac Heath of Amwell, was the leader in the family of Thomas Miller, M.A. (deceased), in all plans for joining the exodus to New England.

RELATIONSHIP OF JOSEPH MILLER OF STORTFORD TO ISAAC AND WILLIAM HEATH OF ROXBURY, MASS.

On the passenger list of the ship "Hopewell" for Sept. 1635 (Banks), we find the name of Joseph Miller, age 15 (understated), and Isaac Heath, age 50, Elizabeth Heath, age 40, and Martha Heath (possibly a niece), age 30, and a child Elizabeth, age 5, on their way to join the brother William Heath, a most useful citizen of Roxbury, New England, since 1632, ancestor of the famous Major General William Heath of Revolutionary days (born in Roxbury 7 Mar. 1737; died 24 Jan. 1814).

The *History of Roxbury* frequently refers to Isaac Heath as "Elder" Heath. The will of William Heath, dated May 24, 1652, mentions "My dear brother Elder Heath."

The will of Mary (Lyndesell) Cramphorne,* widow of Thomas Cramphorne of Sabridgeworth, co. Herts, dated 6 April 1630, mentions "Hester my dau. the wife of Thomas Miller" and "William Heath my son-in-law." Thus by marriage, Joseph Miller and his sisters Agnes Burnap and Elizabeth were related to the Heaths.

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* Will of Mary [Lyndesell] Cramphorne, 6 Apr. 1630, widow of Thomas Cramphorne:
I Mary Cramphorne of Sabridgeworth in the county of Hertford widowe

To Ester [Hester] my daughter the wife of Thomas Miller a parte of my lynine as I have laid it aside for her.

CRAMPHORNE FAMILY OF SABRIDGEWORTH

Thomas Cramphorne, son of William, bp. 1551, married 27 Sept. 1580 Mary Lyndesell of Sabridgeworth and had:

i. Daniel Cramphorne, bp. 1585, who mar. 1610 Mary Burnap, a sister of Robert Burnap of Stansted Abbots. Robert was born about 1595, died 27 Sept. 1689 in Reading, Mass. He mar'd about 1625, Agnes or Anne Miller, da. of Thomas Miller, M.A., deceased, bp. 4 May 1600, sister of Thomas Miller (who mar'd Hester Cramphorne) and sister of Joseph Miller of Bishop's Stortford. Their son Thomas is mentioned in a codicil of Thomas Miller, M.A. 1627. (See *Burnap-Burnett Genealogy*, in error, respecting the birth of son Thomas Burnap and surname of Ann, his mother.) Robert Burnap, wife Anne (Miller), and several children arrived in Roxbury in 1638, where he was a proprietor in 1640; removed to Reading about 1646. Ann (Miller) Burnap died 27 Apr. 1681, at Reading. Robert Burnap's will, proved 1689, provides: "To son Thomas homestead and town privileges with house & land."

ii. Hester Cramphorne, bp. 30 Jan. 1597, mar'd 1626 Thomas Miller, Jr., son of Thomas Miller, M.A., deceased, and brother of Agnes Miller, Joseph Miller and Elizabeth Miller, wife of Isaac Heath.

To John Perry my sonne-in-lawe 1s.
To William Heath my sonne-in-law 1s.
To John Cramphorne my sonne 1 joyned bedsted also to Mary his wife my best gown.
To Thomas Cramphorne the sonne of Daniel Cramphorne my sonne 11s. to bye him bookes.
Residue to my exors: to discharge my debts and legacies and burye me decentlye.
I make Daniel Cramphorne of Stortford and John Cramphorne of Sabridgeworth, my sonnes, exors; and Thomas Miller of Stortford my sonne-in-law my overseer.

Mary X Cramphorne
Jane X Bickner witnesse

Proved at Stortford Feb. 28, 1631 by Daniel Cramphorne power reserved to John Cramphorne.—Commissary of London (Essex & Herts).

"Wm. Heath, son-in-law."

Mary Cramphorne married William Heath of Nazing; they had Peleg, bp. 30 Jan. 1624/5; Mary, bp. 2 Sep. 1627; Hannah, bp. 5 Nov. 1629; and sailed to Roxbury, Mass. in 1632.

"John Perry, son-in-law."

John Perry married Phoebe Cramphorne Nov. 1614 in Sabridgeworth; probably Phoebe died soon and John Perry married Ann Newman 9 July 1628 in Sabridgeworth. The will of Mary Cramphorne does not mention Phoebe. John Perry and wife Ann appear in Roxbury, Mass., and in his will, 1642, he refers to William Heath and Phillip Elliott as beloved brethren.

Transcripts from Parish Registers Sabridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford:
Thomas Cramphorne, son of William, bp. 31 July 1561.
Mary Lyndesell and Thomas Cramphorne mar. 27 Sept. 1580.
Daniel, son of Thomas and Mary Cramphorne, bp. 24 Apr. 1585.
George, son of Thomas and Mary Cramphorne, bp. 16 Nov. 1589.
Mary, dau. of Thomas and Mary Cramphorne, bp. 16 Jan. 1592.
John, son of Thomas and Mary Cramphorne, bp. 25 Mar. 1594.
Hester, dau. of Thomas and Mary Cramphorne, bp. 30 Jan. 1597.

Daniel Cramphorne mar. 14 Sept. 1610 Mary Burnap, sister of Robert Burnap, who married Ann or Agnes Miller. They had: James, bp. 21 Jan. 1618 in Bishop's Stortford; Anna, 25 Oct. 1620 in Bishop's Stortford; Joseph, 1 May 1623 in Bishop's Stortford; Sarah, 1 May 1625 in Bishop's Stortford.

Daniel Cramphorne buried 21 July 1659 in Sabridgeworth.

Mary (Burnap) Cramphorne, widow of Daniel, died in Stortford, bur. in Sabridgeworth 2 Dec. 1675.

Hester Cramphorne mar. Thomas Miller, Jr. of Stortford 8 May 1626. Thomas Miller was the heir to Dane O'Coys, the estate of his father "Mr." Thomas Miller, M.A., Bishop's Stortford, after the death of Agnes Miller, widow. He died 1640 in Roydon, co. Essex. Agnes Miller died 1643 and Dane O'Coys then was the property of Thomas Miller III, age 10. His mother Hester Miller was extx. of the estate.

iii. Mary Cramphorne, bp. 16 Jan. 1592, who mar'd abt. 1622 William Heath of Nazing as his 2nd wife, and had Peleg 1624, Mary 1627, Hannah 1629. (Parish Regs., Sabridgeworth and Nazing.)

Roxbury church records report arrival in 1632 of William and Mary Heath with children Isaac and Peleg, Mary and Hannah, children by Mary(Cramphorne), bp. in Nazing. Martha Heath, perhaps da. of William Heath by his 1st wife, followed in 1635 (age 30) with Isaac Heath.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH—A FOCAL CENTER

St. Michael's was the only church in Bishop's Stortford up to 1662, and it was compulsory for adults to attend church services. Boys and girls were compelled to attend classes to study the catechism, the Bible and Prayer Book. These classes contained children of approximately the same age. Hence Joseph Miller must have had intimate acquaintance with children nearly his own age and his brothers and sisters attended classes of approximately their ages. However, all these classes were taught and influenced by the Rev. Thomas Bendish, M.A., Vicar, a Protestant until his death in 1632, and his curate, the Rev. John Norton, who in 1635 became the famous Puritan preacher of Ipswich and Boston, New England. This selection indicates that the Rev. Mr. Bendish, vicar, was not strongly anti-Puritan. The Rev. Mr. Norton must have been the teacher of Joseph Miller and of some of his older brothers and sisters. Norton resigned before 1632 and went to New England in 1635.

It is highly significant that Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, the wife of Ruling Elder Heath of Roxbury, did not join the Congregational church. Nor did her sister Anne (or Agnes) Burnap; nor another sister, Margaret, wife of Thomas Waterman. The same thing can be said of Joseph Miller.

The attitude of certain church wardens toward the edicts of Archbishop Laud is indicated when the Archbishop sent his chancellor to Bishop's Stortford Sept. 9, 1634. The church warden paid the bell ringers 5 shillings "*for not ringing* the 9 of September when the chancellor came." And 2 shillings and 2 pence "*for ringing* on the morrow at his going away" (Glasscock's *Church Records*). Ringing church bells was the accepted manner of honoring distinguished guests visiting Bishop's Stortford. In this case it was the reverse. When, however, King Charles I came to Stortford in 1629, he was so honored. The Church Warden's accounts in that year contained this item: "Paid for ringing the daye that the King dyned at the George"—an ancient Inn still standing close to the church and then managed by George Hawkin, a son of Mary (Miller) Hawkin, an own cousin of Joseph Miller and his sisters Elizabeth, Agnes and Margaret.

NEW TEACHERS AND PREACHERS

After Vicar Bendish died and Curate John Norton resigned, new teachers were appointed. Rev. Richard Butler, M.A., became rector in 1632, and Mr. Thomas Leigh, the renowned head master of the Free Grammar School began his duties in 1631 as head. This school, famed for its distinguished graduates, was situated adjacent to St. Michael's churchyard where, at a later date, Mr. Leigh, S.T.B., became vicar. This school then and St. Michael's church must have brought together many boys of the age of Joseph Miller and his brothers.

Because of depleted finances in the Miller family after the death of Joseph's father, Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., Joseph Miller was probably educated in this school up to 1635. His family could not afford to send him to college and his sister Elizabeth, age 42 in 1635, wife of Isaac Heath of Amwell, probably was responsible for taking him to Roxbury, New England, in 1635.

SCHOOLMATES OR CHURCHMATES OF JOSEPH MILLER, BAPTIZED 1616

1. John Chandler, baptized 1616, and Robert Chandler, bp. 1619, sons of Jane (Miller) Chandler, own cousin of Joseph Miller. William Chandler, who settled in *Roxbury*, Mass., was nine years older than Joseph. William was the brother of Margaret Chandler, who married William Denison and removed to *Roxbury* 1631.
2. John Dane, bp. 1612, was four years older than Joseph Miller. He was the first of the Danes to go to New England. His second wife was Agnes (Bayford) Chandler, widow of William Chandler of *Roxbury*. Francis Dane, bp. 1615, was a year older than Joseph and was the son of John Dane and Frances Bowyer and emigrated to New England.
3. The sons of William Denison and Margaret Chandler were nearly the age of Joseph Miller. George Denison, bp. 1609; Daniel bp. 1612; Edward bp. 1616, the same year that Joseph was born. All went to *Roxbury*.
4. George Abbott, son of George and Elizabeth, was bp. 1617, a year younger than Joseph, and was the emigrant ancestor of the Abbotts who settled in Andover. However as a lad he went to *Roxbury* where he married Hannah Chandler, da. of William and Agnes Chandler.
5. Ralph Earle, bp. 1606, arrived in Boston 1634. He was ten years older than Joseph.
6. William Savell, bp. 1607, was nine years older than Joseph. His emigration to New England has not been ascertained.
7. Ralph Emerson was bp. 1615, a year before Joseph Miller. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Emerson and was killed by falling from a tree, 8 June 1626. Thomas Emerson and Elizabeth Breuster of Bishop's Stortford emigrated to New England and settled in Ipswich with sons about Joseph's age, viz. Benjamin Emerson, bp. 1614 and James Emerson bp. 1617.
8. John Burnap, son of Thomas and Mary (Eliot), was bp. 1618. He was a cousin of Joseph Miller.

THE MILLER FAMILY IN 1635 AT DANE O'COYS, BISHOP'S STORTFORD

From the parish register of St. Michael's church it is known that in 1635 the following brothers and sisters of Joseph Miller of Stortford were alive. John Miller age 37 was living in Sabridgeworth, 4 miles distant; Thomas Miller, eldest son, age 40, in Roydon, co. Essex, adjoining Nazing, awaiting his inheritance of Dane O'Coys; sister Elizabeth, age 42, the wife of Isaac Heath, was living in Amwell, about two miles distant; sister Agnes, age 35, wife of Robert Burnap, was also living in Amwell adjoining Roydon; sister Margaret, age 32, was alive, but she did not marry Thomas Waterman until after 1641.

Brother Rev. Edward Miller, M.A. (Camb. 1625) age 34, was probably living in Peterborough, Northhamptonshire, unmarried at that time.

Brother William, age 30, had married Anne Ward and was living nearby.

Of brothers Isaac, age 27 and Daniel, age 21, we simply know that both were alive. Brother George, age 23, was living in Stortford, probably unmarried.

These ten with his own mother Agnes had the welfare of their youngest brother, Joseph Miller, at heart in troublesome days when the exodus from England to New England was at its peak.

The Rev. John Eliot of Nazing, born in Widford only 7 miles distant, said to have been the tutor of the children of William Denison, had already lived in Roxbury, N. E., for four years.

William Denison and family accompanied John Eliot to Roxbury in the ship *Lion*, 1631. William Denison's wife was Margaret Chandler, sister of John Chandler of Stortford, who had married Jane Miller, da. of John Miller, the Elder, and own cousin of Joseph Miller and, of course, his sisters, Elizabeth, Agnes and Margaret.

John and Jane (Miller) Chandler remained in Bishop's Stortford. Letters from Margaret (Chandler) Denison to her brother John logically would find their way to the Miller family.

William Heath of Nazing, brother of Isaac Heath of Amwell, co. Herts, followed the Denisons in 1632. Hence they had lived three years in Roxbury, New England. William Heath's second wife was Mary Cramphorne, own sister of Hester (Cramphorne) Miller, wife of Thomas Miller, Jr., eldest brother of Elizabeth, Agnes, Margaret and Joseph, and living quite near both sisters Elizabeth and Agnes in Amwell.

Thus we have a double contact between the Heaths and the Millers. Is it therefore any surprise that when the ship *Hopewell* sailed in Sept. 1635, bearing Isaac Heath, 50, Elizabeth Heath, 40, child Elizabeth 5, that their fellow-passenger Joseph Miller, "age 15," was none other than Joseph Miller of Bishop's Stortford?

Letters from Mary Heath in Roxbury must have been optimistic and encouraging to her sister Hester Miller and of vast importance to the brothers, sisters and mother of Joseph Miller. Such letters would naturally praise New England because land grants were freely given to new settlers, and people of wealth and high social position were emigrating from England and settling in Roxbury, New England. There were Thomas Dudley, the governor, related to the Earl of Dudley, Sir Isaac Johnson and Lady Arabella, the Pynchon and Weld families—all living in Roxbury.

The exodus from England increased each year after 1631 and reached its peak in 1635. It is common knowledge that in England in 1635 "times were hard" and taxes exorbitant which promoted migration from Bishop's Stortford and elsewhere. There was also remorseless pressure exercised by Laud, the Archbishop of Canterbury, upon Puritanism. "It was plain that the purpose of Laud aimed at nothing short of the utter suppression of Puritanism. Thousands of the best scholars, merchants, lawyers, farmers were flying over the Atlantic to seek freedom and purity of religion in the wilderness," wrote John Richard Green in his *History of the English People*.

In such a turbulent period Joseph Miller, and his sister Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, son and daughter of Thomas Miller, M.A., left England with others from Bishop's Stortford for the new world. The fortunes of Joseph Miller's relatives were being depleted. Though the son of a gentleman Joseph Miller was without funds when he sailed at the age of 18 with his sister Elizabeth on the *Hopewell* in 1635.

Incidentally Joseph, the youngest child, could not receive his inheritance until the death of his mother and his sister Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, received more money and more property than any of her sisters.

It is significant that we find that because of utter lack of capital Thomas Miller, heir of Dane O'Coys, Hester his wife, Agnes Miller, widow, his mother, and Daniel Cramphorne, trustee, sold 34 acres of land to Arthur Capell for the sum of £41 sterling before the sailing of the *Hopewell*. This could not have been for Elizabeth, for she had at least £100 from her father's estate, but Joseph had nothing.

When the news came to the Miller family in Dane O'Coys, Stortford, that Isaac Heath with his wife Elizabeth (Miller) Heath with one child were to sail in September on the *Hopewell* to join their brother, William Heath in Roxbury, the last doubt respecting the wisdom of Joseph Miller's immigration to Roxbury must have vanished.

JOSEPH MILLER EMIGRANT

It was the decision on the part of Charles, then King of England, to put a strong fleet upon the Channel to challenge the rising sea power of the Dutch and French people. Money had to be raised at home. It was this fact that promoted emigration. Parliament had not met and the levy for ship money was accordingly converted into a general tax and imposed by the royal will. Added to the mounting debt this new levy became at once a great economic burden as well as a new danger to freedom in England. For already property owners had experienced and were experiencing fines and levies to meet the needs of the Crown. Possessors of property found themselves liable for economic burdens they were quite unable to bear, and many turned toward the New World to escape the confiscatory taxes of the King.

In such a period then Joseph Miller, son of Thomas Miller, M.A., with his sister Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, left with others from Nazing, Amwell and Bishop's Stortford for the New World in 1635. Their sister Agnes (Miller) Burnap from Amwell followed and also settled in Roxbury in 1638. Possibly to pay his passage it seemed necessary for his mother and oldest brother Thomas to sell a portion of Dane O'Coys. Eight years before "Maister" Thomas Miller, M.A., had died and the properties had been divided among his thirteen children. Under the will, however, the oldest son, Thomas Miller, Jr., became the sole heir of Dane O'Coys with its 71 acres, but only after the death of his mother. The property belonged to Agnes Miller, the widow, so long as she lived. The Thomas Miller family in Bishop's Stortford reached its zenith of prosperity in 1627. This is partly proved by comparing Lay Subsidies as follows:

1626—Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., paid a tax of five pounds twelve shillings.
1627—Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., died.
1628—Agnes, widow of above, paid only twenty shillings (one pound).

Thomas[4] Miller, Jr. died in 1640. His mother, Agnes, died in 1643; therefore, Thomas Miller, Jr. never had possession of Dane O'Coys.

When Agnes Miller, the widow, died, Thomas[5] Miller, a son of Thomas[4], Jr., a boy of ten years, possessed Dane O'Coys. This boy in 1652 married Susan Thurgood, and in 1656, Thomas[5] Miller and his wife Susan sold to John Collier one house, one curtilage, one malting house, three barns, one stable, three yards, two gardens, twenty-seven acres of land, for sixty pounds sterling. (See Appendix 14.) In fact, Thomas[5] died without issue and ended the line; and *Dane O'Coys passed out of the Miller family.* Susan, the widow, died in 1664.

EARLY SELLING OF DANE O'COYS

Early in 1636, one year after Joseph's sailing, a grant dated March 15 was made of a field called "Silverlays," which was a large part of Dane O'Coys, Bishop's Stortford as "in occupation of John[4] Miller" (an own cousin of Joseph Miller) who also had land north of this described as "Late of Thomas Miller." This John[4] Miller was the son of John[3] Miller "the elder," a man of wealth and a father of eleven children, and who died in 1612. John[4] Miller married Martha and died in 1640, aged 57 years. His son John[5] Miller married Mary Ashby, and he died in 1645, leaving a son John[6] Miller who was born in 1644 and died in 1645, and a daughter Sarah. *Thus ended the John Miller line.* The property passed to Mary (Ashby) Miller, widow, and Sarah[6], her daughter. Sarah later married a Mr. Eve. All this on or before 1645.

JOSEPH MILLER'S INHERITANCE

Joseph Miller, the thirteenth child, was remembered in the will of his father, Thomas[3] Miller, M.A., in 1627, in the following manner: George, aged 15, Daniel, 13, and Joseph, 11, jointly inherited seven parcels of vacant land, totalling seventeen acres, but *only* after the *death* of his *mother*. She died in 1643; at that time George, Daniel and Joseph jointly were to pay twenty pounds to Isaac before 1645, and the same to William before 1646. Failing to pay, this property was to become Isaac's and William's. Therefore, in 1635, Joseph Miller was without capital. Nothing had come to him from his father's estate.

Because of this utter lack of capital, we must conclude that the sale of 34 acres to Arthur Capell, Esq. (beheaded March 1649), by Joseph's oldest brother, Thomas Miller, and Hester, his wife, Agnes Miller, widow, his mother, and Daniel Cramphorne, trustee, for the sum of (41) forty-one pounds sterling, two months before the sailing of the *Hopewell* was, in the main, for the purpose of financing Joseph's trip to New England. It also indicates the lack of cash capital on the part of the mother and her son, Thomas. A recent reading of the will of "Mr." Thomas Miller, M.A., reveals that he left no money directly to any of his children. The daughters, however, were to receive in pounds sterling from his sons to whom he left real estate in various forms, with a proviso that if any son failed to pay by the dates named, the daughters were to become heirs of the property named.

DANE O'COYS RESTORED IN 1879

Sir Walter Gilby of London purchased several parcels of land including the farmhouses, stables, etc., that belonged to Dane O'Coys. Numerous owners of Dane O'Coys are named in a deed of Robert Hanbury, Esq., to W. R. Hawks, Esq., dated December 29, 1879. The deed mentions "Dane O'Coyes," "Little Silverlyes," and so forth; formerly held by John Kipler; afterwards by Nathaniel Carter; formerly the estate of William Tyson and Anne his wife, and were granted to Thomas Aderley 1673, "formerly owned by Thomas Miller."

(*To be continued*)

(End of Parts I and II appearing in the
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COMPILER'S NOTE.

Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England, was the home of many early emigrants to New England notably Geo. Abbott, Thomas Emerson, Ralph Earle, Wm. Chandler, Joseph Miller, Arthur Gary, John Dane and Wm. Denison, and doubtless many others. The compiler cordially invites corrections and additional information from those who through their own searches may add testimony to prove the identity of Joseph Miller of Newton, Mass., and Thomas Miller of Middleton, Conn.

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THE MILLERS OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD, CO. HERTS, ENGLAND

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The Identity of Joseph Miller and His Sisters Elizabeth, Anne and Margaret Miller Who Migrated to Roxbury, New England. All Were Children of Maister Thomas Miller, M.A. of Bishop's Stortford

This is the story of three wills. It is the record of bequests in the will of Thomas Miller, M.A., the father, probated in Bishop's Stortford in 1627, and the wills of Elizabeth Heath and Margaret Waterman, two of the daughters, probated near Roxbury in 1664 and 1670 respectively. These wills supplement each other and provide important links in the chain of evidence in the record of the migration of Joseph Miller and three of his sisters, all of Bishop's Stortford, to Roxbury.

Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., in his will, dated 17 May 1627 (Appendix 7), provided for his thirteen children all of whom are recorded in the parish register of Stortford. His daughter Agnes or Anne was not named in the will, but in a codicil her child Thomas Burnap was given ten shillings. It is presumed that Agnes had received her marriage dowry when she married. The *Burnap-Burnett Genealogy* sets forth that Ann married Robert Burnap about 1624–5. Her surname was unknown. The following is quoted from the codicil of Thomas Miller:

"Item—I give to Thomas Burnope, my grand child the sum of Tenn shillings."

Clearly, this child, Thomas Burnap, probably the first born son, was born "before 1627."

The will of Robert Burnap of Reading, Massachusetts, 1688, recognized Thomas as his eldest son as follows. "To my son Thomas, homestead and town privileges with house and land."

The first of the two Roxbury wills, namely that of Elizabeth Heath, widow of Isaac Heath, Ruling Elder of Roxbury, is dated 1664, and confirms the marriage of Anne Miller to Robert Burnap. In this will Elizabeth mentions Isaac (Burnett) and added "his mother my sister." The Burnap genealogy records the birth of Isaac Burnap as follows: "The sonne of Robert Burnap of Hodston and Annis (Anne), his wife bap. 20 Mar. 1629–30." Isaac died 18 September 1667 at Reading. The conclusion is obvious Elizabeth Heath, the sister of Anne Burnap, the latter being the mother of Isaac Burnap, was the former Elizabeth Miller of Bishop's Stortford born 1594, died 1664, age 70, and likewise the eldest sister of Joseph Miller.

This relationship which has now been established between Elizabeth (Miller) Heath and Joseph Miller explains the presence of Joseph, "age 15," on the ship *Hopewell* September 1635 in company with Isaac Heath, age 50, Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, age 40, and child Elizabeth, age 5. According to the parish register Elizabeth was actually 41 and Joseph who was recorded as 15 was actually 19. It is evident, however, that Elizabeth Heath was the guardian of Joseph Miller. Can it be doubted that Joseph Miller accompanied his sister Elizabeth to Roxbury and enjoyed her hospitality until he was able to support himself? Elizabeth (Miller) Heath had only one child of her own, five

years old, in 1635, and the addition of Joseph to the family would not be likely to overcrowd the home. This child Elizabeth when she grew to womanhood, married another Ruling Elder of Roxbury namely, John Bowles, on April 2, 1650.

Three years after the arrival of Isaac and Elizabeth (Miller) Heath and Joseph Miller in Roxbury, Agnes (Miller) Burnap, a sister of Joseph and Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, who had married Robert Burnap of Amwell, co. Herts, came to Roxbury (1638) with their sons Thomas, Robert, Isaac, Edward, and their daughter Ann. They lived in Roxbury for eight years and then moved to Reading, Mass. In that same year (1646) Joseph Miller moved to Cambridge.

As a further confirmation of the identity of Joseph Miller and his two sisters Elizabeth and Agnes, a third sister Margaret Miller arrived in Roxbury probably after 1640 and after the untimely death in England of Thomas Miller, Jr., heir to Dane O'Coys in Bishop's Stortford. Margaret Miller married Thomas Waterman as his second wife after 1641.

Twenty-eight years later, namely 1670, Margaret Waterman with the consent of her husband Thomas made her will. Her sister Elizabeth (Miller) Heath had been dead six years and twenty-four years had elapsed since sister Anne Burnap had moved with her family to Reading, Mass. In her will Margaret mentions "my sister Anne Burnap of Redding," to whom she gives all her moveables. Thus, Margaret Waterman reveals her identity as the former Margaret Miller of Bishop's Stortford born in 1603, and at that period 67 years old, Margaret was the third sister of Joseph Miller (of Bishop's Stortford) to settle in Roxbury. Margaret (Miller) Waterman gives her house and land to Ann Bullard, daughter of Anne and Robert Burnap, whose second husband was Isaac Bullard (Vol. 6, part 2, Suffolk co. Court).

Margaret (Miller) Waterman died in 1682/3 at the age of 80. Her sister Anne (Miller) Burnap had died a year earlier, namely in 1681 at the age of 81 years. Joseph Miller survived his two sisters and died in 1697 at the age of 81 years. Elizabeth who had died in 1664 lived to the age of 70.

Thus the identity of Joseph Miller of Bishop's Stortford and his three sisters are fully revealed in the documentary evidence of the three wills and the supporting evidence of the Burnap will.

One question has been raised, why did all three sisters fail to mention their brother Joseph Miller. It must be remembered that in 1664 when Elizabeth (Miller) Heath wrote her will, Joseph had left Roxbury 18 years before and was living in the home of his wife Mary Pope in Charlestown, almost a day's journey in those days. Joseph evidently lived too far away to be a witness and was too well-to-do to need any bequests.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH (MILLER) HEATH

The following is quoted from a book entitled *Roxbury, Lives of Heath, Bowles and Eliot*, by J. W. Thornton, 1850.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller Heath, Widow of Ruling Elder Isaac Heath.

Mrs. Heath survived her husband but four years, and died when about seventy years of age;* her Christian faith and character, her generous care for all about her, her amiable temper and benevolent recognition of all with whom she was connected, beautifully appears in this last solemn act of her life.

Her will mentions her relationship or connection with so many of the Roxbury families, as Burnet, Gary, Johnson, Waterman, Brand, Morris, etc., that it furnishes a strong reason for believing they were from one locality or neighborhood in England. Studied ingenuity could hardly have named so many relationships, without indicating the family name of the testatrix. Pa-

* "1664, month, day, 14, Elizabeth Heath, widow of Elder Heath, buryed." Eliot's Ch. Rec. fol. 478.

tient inquiry in regard to the several surnames mentioned in the will, might possibly lead to the discovery of her maiden name.

JANUARY 1, 1664.

In the name God Amen. I Elizabeth Heath of Roxbury, widow, being by the mercy of God, perfect in minde and will, though very weak in Body, Doe hereby make ordaine and publishe this to be my Last will and Testament, hereby Revoking all my former wills if any.

ffirst. I give and resighne up my soul into the armes of my Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ my redeener, hoping and beleuing at my resurrection by his meritts to partake of his Glory. And for my Body I Commit to ye earth to be Decently Interred by my executr: And for the portion of goods and estate the Lord hath lent me I give Bequeath and Dispose of al ffolloweth.

Impr. I give unto my sister (Anne) Burnet, and Martha Brand my two Cowes heer at home after my Death, my sister to take her Choice, and my will is they Bee kept this winter of my Hay, without any charge to them.

It. I give to Isaack Burnet Lately gone to sea my young sow, if he either Come Back or send before ye next summer, else my will is that his mother my sister shall have her and that she [be] kept at my charge until then.

It. I give unto Jacob Newell's wife twenty shillings to be pd. her within one moneth after my Death halfe in money the rest in Corne.

It. I give unto Isaack Jones his daughter, that he had by Hannah Heath fifteen shillings, five in money the rest in corne, paid her within a month after my Death.

It. I give to Mary Heath 20s and to Nicholas Williams as much to be paid to either of ym within the moneth after my Death.

It. I give to Thomas Morey ten shillings to bee paid him a little before his time of service [illegible] and as much to his mother that now is to be paid her within a moneth after my Decease.

It. I give to my cousin Garry the Old man, twenty shillings and to Goodman Fruysell married Goodman Busketh Daughter as much to be pd each of them within one month after my death.

It. I will and appoint that my Cousinne Capt. Johnson shall have the ffirst yeare's increase of my two Cowes at Isaack Williams.

It. I give to my Grandchildren [prob. Bowles] my three Cowes two Being at Isaack Williams and that I left to Goodman Bush.

Item, my Minde and Will is that my sister Waterman shall have the use of my Mare during her Life and I give her unto John Bowles my grandchild, and my wearing apparrell I give Between my sister Burnett and Waterman.

And I make, Ordaine and appoint my sonne in Law Bowles Executor of this my will.

At a Meeting of the Magistrates and Recorder 19th Jan. 1664 Power of Administration to the estate of Elizabeth Heath Widow is Granted to John Bowles to performe the Imperfect will above written as near as may bee, Bringing in an Inventory of the Estate to the next Court.

Present. Edw. Rawson, Recorder.
P. Bellingham, Depty. Goverr.
Capt. Gookin
and Recorder.

Suffolk Probate Records, Wills, Vol. 1:442.

Jan. 31, 1664. William Parke and Thomas Welld, appraised the estate—Mr. William Crowne, John Palmeter, Robert Pepper, Jonathan Peake, Hugh Thomas, Arthur Gerye, Mrs. Meades, Jno. Polly and Joseph Wise owed the estate,—which is Dr to Legacies bequeathed. To George Branne, and to her sister Burnup, to her sister Waterman—, to Capt. Johnson the use of 2 Cowes 1 year, and after given unto John Bowles children, to James ffrissell, Edward Morris, and Isaack Burnop—to Coffinne and Rayles, wine at her Burial, to Maids wages, to the church, to Edward Morrisse, to Thomas Hawley, to Joshua Lambe, Goodman Griffinne—Goodwife Tillar. &c.&c.

ffeb. 8. 1664. Jno. Bowles deposed in Court that this paper Containes a true Inventory of the Estate of Widow Heath his Late Mother in Lawe, to his Best Knowledge and when he Knowes more he will discover it. Edward Rawson, Recorder.

Suffolk Probate Records, Inventories, Vol. 4: fol. 217, 218.

THE WILL OF MARGARET (MILLER) WATERMAN

Will of Margaret (Miller) Waterman (Vol. 6, part 2, Suffolk Co. Court Probates), dated 19 May, 1670, wife of Thomas, "who gave his consent to this will." (Thomas Waterman died 22 Jan., 1675, Roxbury Vital Records.)

Item. My son Thomas Waterman, Jr. £10.
Item. I give to "my sister Ann [Miller] Burnett [Burnap] all my moveable goods."
Item. "My cousin Ann [Burnap] Bullard My house and land in Roxbury."
Item. "To Cousin Ann [Burnap] Bullard's eldest daughter Abigail Wight £5" and her brother Thomas Burnett.
Item. "Cousin John Bowles three children 20 sh. each and Sarah [Burnap] Southricke my best coverlid."
Cousin Robert Burnett and Isaac Bullard executors.

NOTE.—In 1682/3, Margaret (Miller) Waterman is said to have signed some paper that caused the Court to allow Ann Bullard of Dedham to be administratrix.

SUMMATION

That Joseph Miller of Bishop's Stortford was a passenger on the *Hopewell* Sept., 1635, and that the same Joseph Miller married Mary Pope and settled in Newton, Mass., is substantiated by the following series of facts:

1. There are no references to Joseph Miller in the vital records of Bishop's Stortford after 1635.

2. Extensive and diligent search in the vicinity of Stortford failed to discover the death or marriage of any Joseph Miller, born between 1615 and 1620.

3. Joseph as a given name was most uncommon before 1620. From 1561 to 1616 in Stortford 256 children were named John and only *one* named Joseph.

4. Joseph Miller of Charlestown and Newton named four out of his six children after his own brothers and sisters. His first-born son was Joseph, named after himself. His second son was named Thomas in honor of his father—a common practice in Bishop's Stortford. He was the only Joseph Miller in America that could qualify, in the matter of age and naming of children, as the father of Joseph Miller's children. He named one daughter Anne and another Elizabeth after two of his sisters who lived in Roxbury.

5. It is proved by Roxbury wills that three sisters of Joseph Miller of Stortford migrated to Roxbury between 1635 and 1641.

6. Joseph Miller of Stortford was the brother of Elizabeth Miller Heath, wife of Isaac Heath, and a passenger on the *Hopewell* Sept., 1635, and on the same ship was Joseph Miller, recorded as "age 15." Perhaps to travel at a reduced rate. Genealogists generally agree that "ages" given on passenger lists were usually approximate.

7. Naturally Elizabeth, his oldest sister, 42 years, and old enough to be his mother and well-to-do, should have taken her young orphaned brother without property to the new world.

8. That Joseph Miller was not mentioned in the wills of his sisters simply follows the practice of his family since 1551.

9. In 1679 Joseph Miller, living in Newton, went to Roxbury to take the "oath of allegiance." (See Boston City Document 100.) In that year his sister Margaret Waterman, a widow, was living in Roxbury. She died 1682/3. His sister Agnes Burnap was living in Reading, Mass. His sister Elizabeth Heath died in 1664.

CONFLICTING MILLER GENEALOGIES

Undoubtedly this article conflicts with former genealogies respecting the Millers of Bishop's Stortford, especially with reference to the ancestry of Thomas Miller of Middletown. Much misinformation has already been published. Possibly others have been misled, as was the compiler himself, by a Miller genealogy appearing in Cutter's *New England Families* (1913) page 57.

The author begins his genealogy with Thomas Miller and wife Bridget, daughter of Thomas Jernegan.

A John Miller in his will, 1601, mentions the purchase of land from Mr. Jernegan, but the Bishop's Stortford Parish Register contains no record of any such marriage nor any indication of any union between any Jernegan and any Miller before 1640. Reference is made to Agnes Miller as the wife of John Denison. This information was accepted by your compiler for many years and to confirm the union he made a search and found that John Denison married Agnes Willie. See compiler's article THE RECORD, Jan., 1936, which contains a transcription from the Thorley Parish Register, that on May 11, 1561 "John Denison married Agnes Willie." Cutter said that Bridget Miller was the wife of George Abbot. Bridget Willie married George Abbot. Cutter said that John Miller, son of Thomas, married Elizabeth Jardfield. No marriage of any Miller to any Jardfield has been found in the Parish Register of Stortford. The wife of John[3] Miller, son of John[2], was Elizabeth Meade.

Evident misinformation appears by crediting to Bishop's Stortford the birthplace of the Rev. John Miller, born 1604, graduate of Cambridge University 1627 and dying in Groton, 1663. This conflicts with the Cambridge University *Alumni Catalogue* which records the birth of Rev. John Miller, born 1604, as of Ashford, Kent, and the son of Martin Miller.

A similar genealogy appeared in the *Miller Family Magazine* for Jan., 1917, prepared by Elbert H. T. Miller, Scottsville, N. Y. Mr. Elbert Miller is a widely recognized authority on the Millers of Conn. Possibly he too was misled by the Cutter *Miller Genealogy* (1913).

Another example of apparent misinformation is found in an ambitious volume entitled *The Miller Family of America.* The author must have been misled for he declares that Thomas Miller of Middletown was the brother of the Rev. John Miller of Cambridge University, Roxbury and Yarmouth and who died in Groton.

The author of *Miller Family of America* claims that Martin Miller was the father of John, Thomas, William, Nathan or Simon, George and Joseph and furthermore quite openly names the wife of Martin Miller as "Priscilla" (page 52) in these words: "Martin Miller, a weaver, and his wife, *whom we will call* Priscilla."

In 1925 when the compiler of this article was searching for the English parents of Joseph Miller he requested the late Mr. Bower Marsh, then owner of Phillimore & Co., Ltd., of London, publishers of genealogical books, to personally visit Ashford, co. Kent, and make a transcription of the family of Martin Miller. His reply follows:

"London, 1 Feb. 1926.

Dear Mr. Spencer Miller,

Following your instructions I have searched the Ashford Registers & enclose the results:

Transcription from Parish Registers

1598 May 12, Martin Miller & Susan Hicks, mar.
1601 Dec. 20, Samuel sonne of Martin Miller, bap.
1602 Mch. 20, Stephen " " " " "
1604 Oct. 21, John " " " " "
1605 Feb. 9, Marye dau. " " " "
1609 Jan. 24, Mathia sonne " " " " (who died in 1610)
1610 Oct. 29, Mathias " " " " buried
1614 Apr. 17, Deborah dau. " " " bap.

I searched from 1620 back to 1600 and as I found no Richard or Joseph did not go further back, except to look for baptism of Martin which I did not find.

Yours very faithfully,

(signed) Bower Marsh."

This transcription would seem to be adequate testimony that Martin Miller was *not* the father of any Thomas Miller, William Miller, Nathan or Simon Miller, Joseph Miller and George Miller, all claimed as sons of Martin in *The Miller Family of America*, pages 58, 59, 60 and 61.

Furthermore it would appear to be adequate proof that Thomas Miller of Middletown, Conn., was *not* a brother of the Rev. John Miller, graduate of Cambridge University, town clerk in Rowley, Mass., minister at Yarmouth, who died at Groton.

And again that the Rev. John Miller, son of Martin Miller and Susan Hicks, was *not* born in Bishop's Stortford.

APPENDICES

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1. Acknowledgments.
2. Will of John[1] Myller, 1551.
3. Will of John[2] (John[1]) Myller, 1584.
4. Will of Johan Miller, 1590, wife of John[2].
5. Will of John[3] (John[2, 1]) Miller, 1601.
6. Will of Thomas[3] (John[2, 1]) Miller, 1627.
7. Will of John Gace, 1602.
8. Will of John[4] (John[3, 2, 1]) Miller, 1640.
9. Will of Thomas[4] (Thomas[3], John[2, 1]) Miller, 1640.
10. Will of John[5] (John[4, 3, 2, 1]) Miller, 1645.
11. Will of Martha Miller, 1665/6, wife of John[4] Miller.
12. Lay Subsidies, county of Herts.
13. Bishop's Stortford, Marriage, Baptismal and Burial Records.
14. Feet of Fines, Herts.
15. Court of Sessions, Hertfordshire.
16. From Hadham Hall Manor Rolls.

Appendix I

Acknowledgments

The record of the Millers of Bishop's Stortford in the County of Herts, England, which is here set forth, represents fifteen years of genealogical research in the library of our Society and in such public libraries as the Congressional of Washington, those in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Boston; the Massachusetts Historical Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston; the New York Historical Society, the D.A.R. Library of Washington, and Newberry Library in Chicago. In addition, my researches included two trips to England to examine very old wills at Somerset House, London, and manuscripts and books in the British Museum.

During a three months' residence in Bishop's Stortford in 1931, I was enabled to examine old real estate parchments, Church Wardens' accounts, and the Parish Registers of 30 parishes adjacent to Stortford, together with the Court Rolls at Hadham Hall (Little Hadham) through the courtesy of the late Mr. William Minet, the owner, to whom I owe a very great debt.

The account, then, which is here presented for the first time in any exhaustive form, represents the labors of fifteen years. But it would have been a difficult accomplishment without the generous coöperation and helpful services of many friends and associates. To each of these I desire to make acknowledgment.

In Bishop's Stortford I had the generous assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Tresham Gilby, present owners of Dane O'Coys, the home of the Miller family from 1570 for nearly 100 years; the Rev. William McCarty, Vicar of St. Michael's Church, in searching the Parish Records; and the late J. L. Glasscock, Jr., genealogist and antiquarian. His transcript of the Parish Register of St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, from 1561 to 1662 for Baptisms—1680

Burials—1711 Marriages; and Glasscock's *Records of St. Michael's Church*, a gift to me from Mr. H. Boardman, publisher, have proved invaluable sources of information, especially in connection with *Herts Genealogist and Antiquary* in three volumes. In addition, the late Mr. Bower Marsh of Phillimore & Co., and Miss Lucy Drucker, both of London, and other English genealogists have facilitated my searches at special points.

In the United States, Mr. George W. Chamberlain of Malden, Mass., made exhaustive searches among New England records to establish the identity of Joseph Miller of Charlestown and Newton, who came to Cambridge and Roxbury on the *Hopewell* in 1635, and subsequently settled in Newton, Mass. In preparing this article I have leaned heavily upon Mr. Howard S. F. Randolph, now of La Jolla, California, and one-time (1926–1935) assistant librarian and associate editor of this Society.

There are others too numerous to mention by name, who have collaborated in my researches, to whom I make this record of indebtedness. But I alone am responsible for the conclusions reached. If, as a result of my years of work, another link is fashioned between Old England and New England, and the descendants of Joseph Miller of Stortford are enabled thereby to trace a continuous line of descent, I shall feel in part repaid for my labors.

The authorities for this account of the Miller Family will be found at the close of this article. Errors seem inevitable in genealogical writings and in printings and I shall be grateful to all who, having found errors, will advise me respecting them.

To E. M. Tenison, the distinguished English historian and Elizabethan scholar, I desire to extend my grateful thanks for reading a part of this manuscript and her conclusion that Joseph Miller emigrated to New England prompted by "an adventurous spirit" and not "to escape persecution." Miss Tenison (Eva Mabel), who has lived in Hatfield Regis, knows Stortford well.

The parish of Bishop's Stortford (population about 1000 in 1635), in the county of Herts, is on the borders of Essex county and thirty-two miles north of London.

Appendix 2

Will of John[1] Myller (No. 1 in accompanying article) of Stortford dated 14 June 1551.

I bequeath to my wife Katherine my messuage with garden and buildings in Stortford lying between Croked Lane alias Mylleyn on the east and the tenement of John Wyburd, late John Marshall on west and the garden lies between the garden of Robert Water on the south and my garden on the north to have and to hold to her for life with remainder to my son William and his heirs for ever; also a parcel of ground in Stortford outside the North Gate and other small pieces of land there, with remainder to my son John. Executors: my wife Katherine and son William. Witnesses: John Persmyth alias Cheyny, Edmond Browne, Thomas Dugarde, Christopher Lyster, the writer hereof.

Proved 13 February 1554/5. (Commissary Court of London, Essex & Herts—Garland 30.)

Appendix 3

Will of John[2] Myller (No. 2), the elder, of Stortford county of Herts dated 18 May 1584.

I bequeath to my wife Joan my messuage, houses and buildings wherein I now dwell with garden adjoining also my dovehouse at Hockerell Bridge for life.

To my son John the houses between my dwelling house and the mill in Stortford and my barn at North Gate and my Lynchewell meadow and the croft my father gave me at Waight Cross and my tenement at Hockerell Bridge and another tenement in Stortford in the Butchery there he paying my wife Joan £20 a year for life.

To my son Thomas my messuage called Dayne of Coyffes [Dane O'Coys] in Stortford with all lands and meadows which I bought of my father-in-law John Thurgood and my brother-in-law John Thurgood and his wife.

To my daughter Lucy my messuage in Little Hadham, County of Herts, at marriage or at age of 21; to George Hawkyn,* my daughter *Mary's* child £10; to Agnes Thurgood, daughter of my brother-in-law Nicholas; to my brother William Myller 40s.; to my five sisters (not named) 20s. each; to Alice Payne my girl, 20s.; to the poor of Stortford 40s.

To my wife (Joan) the felled wood, my hay and a cow; to my son John my part of Stansted Park. Residuary legatee and Executor: my son John. Overseer: my wife's brother Nicholas Thurgood.

[Signed John Myller.

Witnesses: John Thoroughgood, Nicholas Thorogood, William Barnarde scr. Simon Clarke. Proved 31 October 1584. (Ibid.)

Appendix 4

Will of Johan Miller (wife of John[2] Miller) of Stortford, widow, dated 5 October 1590.

I bequeath to my son Thomas Miller my corn growing at Dane Acoyus and my cattle, two beds, a cupboard and so forth and seven silver spoons, and a chest in which his father kept his writings.

To my daughter Mary two brass pots and a bed; to the children of my son John a cow each; to the children of my daughter Mary a cow each; to Winifred Paine a bullock; to my brother's daughter Annis Thurgood a bullock. My brother Nicholas owes me money which I give to my son Thomas.

Residuary legatee and executor: my son John.

Witnesses: Nicholas Thoorgood, William Gare† [Gary].

Proved 19 December 1590, by the executor named. (Ibid.)

Appendix 5

Will of John[3] Miller (No. 4), the elder, of Stortford dated 26 March 1601. Proved 9 Nov. 1612.

I desire to be buried in Stortford churchyard and give to the poor 40s.

To my poor Aunt Holly now dwelling with me 40s.

To my wife Elizabeth (Meade) the messuage in Stortford wherein I dwell, for life with remainder to my son John; also to my wife my furniture, my orchard and dove cote near Hockerell Bridges; also the meadow my father bought of Willies daughters beyond Waightfield all to remain to my son John.

To my daughter Agnes Miller my messuage in Stortford near Maulthill bought of Thomas Mead. To my daughter Sarah Miller in pieces of land in Great Half Acres in Stortford bought of Mr. (Thomas) Jernegan (Gent.). To my daughter Katherine Miller £80, my brother Richard Mead owes me. To my daughter Ursula a close in Stortford and £40. To my son John a messuage in Stortford during my wife's life and after to my son William to whom I give all my stalls and my lands in Little Hadham. To my three eldest daughters Joan, Margaret and Jane the money arising by sale of my cattle; my sheets and spoons and the clothes I had in their mother's time and silver which was their mother's. Money owing by my brother John Meade. Executors: My brother Thomas Miller and my brother-in-law Richard Sprenger. Witnesses: George Hawkyn (a brother-in-law). Proved 9 November 1612; by the executors named. (*To be continued*)

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* George Hawkyn, son of George and Mary (Miller) Hawkyn, bp. 6 Apr., 1582, mar. Beatrix (2d) and had "Mr." Edward Hawkyn, M.A., bp. 8 Oct., 1615, whose da. Elizabeth Hawkyn married John Barrington, 2d son of Sir John Barrington of Hatfield, co. Essex.

† Probably William Gerey the elder, buried May 1, 1611.

THE MILLERS OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD, CO. HERTS, ENGLAND

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Appendix 6

In the will of Mr. Thomas[3] Miller, M.A., executed 17 May 1627, he does not directly bequeath money to any of his daughters. The will reads in part as follows: "So as my son John Miller or his heirs, become bound to my daughters hereafter named for the true payment of such several sums of money as by this my last will I give and bequeath unto them that is to say to Elizabeth my daughter in one bond or obligation of 60 pounds for the payment of thirty two pounds of lawful English money to her the said Elizabeth . . . within two years . . . and to Joan my daughter in the sum of thirty pounds . . . fifteen pounds of lawful etc. within three years and also unto Margaret my daughter in one obligation of thirty pounds for the payment of fifteen pounds unto her the said Margaret . . . within four years."

Then the will proceeds to "will and devise unto my son John and his heirs and assigns . . . my coppyholds and customary lands" etc. "in Sabridgeworth." Any failure to pay Elizabeth and Margaret will result in the surrender of the property.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto George, Daniel and Joseph" certain lands . . . by estimation fifteen acres "from and after the decease of Agnes my said wife" . . . provided always . . . the said George, Daniel and Joseph shall within two years next after they shall be possessed of the said lands . . . pay or cause to be paid unto Isaac my son . . . the sum of twenty pounds lawful English money. I give and bequeath unto him in augumentation of his legacy as a fatherly gift.

And it is also my will and intent and meaning that the said George Daniel and Joseph do also pay or cause to be paid unto William my sonne or his assigns if he shall then be living the sum of ten pounds like lawful English money within three years next after they shall be possessed of the said lands hereby bequeathed unto them.

And if the said George Daniel and Joseph or either of them fail in payment of either of the said sums of money bequeathed unto the said Isaac and William at the days of payment aforesaid then my will is that the said Isaac or William or either of them to whom the failing of pay . . . shall be either in part or in all of the said money bequeathed shall . . . have possess all and several the said lands bequeathed to the said George Daniel and Joseph until the said money and every part thereof be fully paid out and satisfied unto him to whom it is or shall be awarded out of the benefits of the said lands.

Item. I will . . . to daughter Elizabeth . . . land commonly called Pedford . . . eleven acres upon condition . . . that Elizabeth shall pay . . . my daughter Margaret . . . twentyfour pounds . . . within one year . . . and that said Elizabeth shall pay . . . my daughter Mary forty pounds . . . if Elizabeth fails paying either Margaret or Mary at the times hereby limited . . . then . . . Pedford shall "remain unto my said two daughters Margaret and Mary" provided Margaret and Mary pay Elizabeth thirty pounds "within one year after such default."

Appendix 7

John Gace of Stortford, Herts, tanner, dated his will 24 Aug. 1602, proved 20 Sept. 1602. He left £15 to be paid to the poor of Stortford after his decease by the following inhabitants of the said town, viz. James Morley, gentleman, Thomas Perye, gentleman, John Miller, the elder, and "Maister" Thomas Miller (P. C. C. Montague, 61).

This will makes reference to Nathaniel Gary, father of Arthur Gary, bap. 1599, "son of Nathaniel Garie" of Roxbury, Mass., 1635; also to William Dennison who emigrated to Roxbury 1631, and George Abbott, an ancestor of the Abbotts of Andover, Mass.

John Gace, the author of this will, married Agnes Denison, the widow of John Denison, who died in 1582; she was the daughter of John and Joan Willie of Thorley, Herts., bap. about 1544 (The Record, Jan., 1936); died in Roxbury as "Old Mother Denison" in 1641 (Ellis, *Hist. Rox.*)

John Gace was the step-father to all of Agnes' children. He gave to Agnes, his wife, the house "wherein I dwell" and a messuage recently bought; also 100 marks . . . her apparel and silver spoons.

To George Denison (age 20) £40. To Edward Denison (age 27), bro. of George, £10. To William Denison (age 31) 40s. To Elizabeth (Denison) Crouch £5. To Richard Paine of Stortford 20 tanned hides. To Elizabeth Wheelwright, my sister-in-law, £10.

Executor: "My brother Miles Gace of Hempsted, Herts." James Morley and Thomas Perry overseers and witnesses. Edward Well and George Abbott wits.

Appendix 8

Will of John[4] Miller (son of John[3]) of Stortford, butcher, dated 9 Apr. 1640.

I bequeath to my younger son William my house in North Street in Stortford now in the tenure of Ralph Curtis and my barn at North Gate and the orchard there and Linsell Meade or the Hop ground Mead and four acres of arable land in Linsell field after my wife's death. To my said son 40 acres of ground called the Marshes bought of Nathaniel Carter, but if my son John bring up and maintain William until he goes apprentice then John to have the same. To my daughters Margaret, Sarah and Anne Miller 200 each at their ages of 21. To my sisters Handbury and *Chandler* 20s each. To the poor of Stortford 40s. Residuary legatee and executrix: my wife Martha. Witnesses: Tho. Newcomen, Thomas Meade, John Phillippes.

Proved at Stortford 6 June 1640 by the executrix. (Ibid. 241.)

Appendix 9

Will of Thomas[4] Miller of Royden (adjacent to Nazing) county of Essex, Yeoman, dated 19 May 1640.

I bequeath to my wife Hester (Cramphorne) £5 a year to be paid by my mother Agnes Miller of Stortford, county of Herts, widow, out of lands Agnes has in lease of me; to said Hester £10 a year out of a messuage in Stortford called Dane at Coynes being a jointure made by Thomas Miller, the elder, 1 February, 2 Charles I [1626/7] to the said Hester, feoffees, Daniel Cramphorne* and Robert Coult (Colt); also a close called Hawkes Croft next Dane at Coynes abutting on Galloway Street.

To my son Thomas (bp. 1633) the reversion of Dane at Coynes (Dane

* Daniel Cramphorne, son of Thomas and Mary (Lyndesell) Cramphorne, bp. 24 Apr., 1585, married Mary Burnap 14 Sept., 1610, a sister of Robert Burnap who married Agnes Miller about 1624/5. Hester Cramphorne, sister of Daniel, bp. 30 Jan., 1597, married Thomas Miller ("eldest son") of the late Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., of Stortford. Agnes (Miller) Burnap was living in Gt. Amwell in 1632—2 miles from Royden.

O'Coys) and the other lands after my mother's death. To my daughters Mary and Agnes 10s each. To the poor of Royden 5s. Residuary legatee and executrix: my wife Hester. Witnesses: John Goudge, Timothie Phissicke.

Proved 1 July 1640 by the executrix. (Archdeaconry Middlesex, Essex and Herts—Brown 110.)

Appendix 10

Will of John[5] Miller of Stortford, butcher, dated 7 July 1645.

My debts to be paid and if not enough money then my closes called Redcrofts and my two acres of arable land in Half Acres and executrix to put in bond to my cousin Edward Hawkins to pay the overplus to my daughters Mary and Sarah Miller at their ages of 21 and I give to my said daughters my land in Weightfield and Waytmead and Waytcrosse and Apden Field.

My father by his will dated 9 April 1640 devised to my brother William land called the Marshes bought of Nathaniel Carter, on condition I brought up and maintained my said brother which I have done, now I desire my executrix to pay him £60 for the said land and I give then 10 acres to my daughters Mary and Sarah and the rest to my son John Miller at the age of 21.

Residuary legatee and executrix: my wife Mary.

Overseers: my father-in-law Thomas Ashbye of Albury and my cousin Edward Hawkins of Stortford.

Witnesses: Tho: Newcomen, Thomas Ashbye, John Sumpner.

Proved 20 September 1645 by the executrix (Ibid. No. 8)

Appendix 11

Will of Martha Miller of Stortford, widow, dated 13 January 1665/6.

I bequeath to Thomas Carter of Debden, county of Essex clerk my son-in-law £5 and to Ann his wife £5. To my son-in-law Richard Meade, citizen of London, £5 and to Margaret his wife my daughter £5. To my son-in-law John Ashby of Stortford, draper, £5. and to Sarah his wife my daughter £5. To my grandchild John Miller son of my late son William £30, at his age of 21. To the four children of the said Thomas Carter, Thomas, Martin and William and Elizabeth 40s. To my grandchild Richard Meade son of Richard £5, and to his other two children 40s each and to my grandchild Margaret a pair of sheets. To John, Thomas, Sarah and Mary children of John Ashby 40s. each and to Edward Ashby his son £5 and to Sarah aforesaid a sheet. To my daughter Ann two pewter dishes. To my daughter-in-law Mary Miller 20s. and to her daughter Sarah 20s. To my daughter-in-law Mary Miller wife of my late son William 20s.

Executors: My sons-in-law Thomas Carter and John Ashby. Witnesses: Martha Fitch, Matthew Gerney Scr. Proved 13 July 1667.

Appendix 12

Lay Subsidies, County of Herts, 1563–1635, Stortford:

1 May	1563	William Myller, in goods	£9 –15s.
		John Myller	£8 –13s. 4d.
20 Feb.	1566/7	William Myller, in goods	£7 – 7s.
		John Myller	£8 – 8s.
18 Oct.	1571	John Myller, in goods	£8 –13s. 4d.
		William Myller	20s.– 2s. 8d.
	1607	John Miller	£4 – 5s. 4d.
		Thomas Miller	60s.– 4s.
		John Myller	40s. 2s. 8d.

27 Mar. 1626	Thomas Miller, lands	£3	12s.
	John Miller, lands	40s.	8s.
	Elizabeth Miller, widow	20s.	4s.
9 Dec. 1628	John Miller, in lands	40s.	8s.
	Agnes Miller, widow, in lands	20s.	4s.
	Elizabeth Miller, widow, in lands	20s.	4s.

Appendix 13

Bishop's Stortford, Herts, 1581–1682

Marriages

1581 George Hawkyn & Mary Meller m. 22 July
1582 John Meller & Ellen Sprannge m. 25 April
1584 John Gase & Agnes Denyson, wydowe, m. 1 May
1584 John Harvy & Luce Meller m. 2 Aug.
1585 "Long" John Meller & Mary Pylston m. 21 Nov.
1594 John Hille & Ellen Myller m. 24 Nov.
1615 John Chandler & Jane Miller m. 18 Sept.
1620 Willyam Miller & Ellener Alliat (Elliot) m. 25 Apr.
1622 John Miller sen^{r} & Agnes Chandler, widow, m. 8 July
1635 William Miller & Ann Ward m. 1 May
1641 John Miller & Ann Brett m. 7 Oct.
1648/9 John Miller & Elizabeth Prior m. 8 Feb.
1672 Thomas Scott & Sarah Miller of Little (Hadham) m. 30 Sept.
1673 Thomas Miller & Jane Browne m. 14 Oct.
1677 Richard Graves of Much Haddam & Mary Miller m. 17 Apr.
1680 William Miller & Sarah Jennings, both of Great Hadham, m. 29 Sept.
1682 Samuel Miller & Anne Browne, both of Sabridgeworth, m. 3 Oct.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts, 1561–1652

Baptisms

1561/2 Mary Meller dau. of John Meller, bp. 11 Feb.
1562 Susanna Meller dau. of Will'm Meller, bp. 8 Nov.
1563 Susanna Meller, bp. 25 Oct.
1570 Elizabeth Meller, bp. 30 July
1583 John Meller son of John, bp.—Dec. (after 17)
1585 Will'm Meller son of John, bp. 28 Nov.
1586* Johanne Myller dau. of John Myller Jun^{r}, bp. 11 Sept.
1587/8 Johanne Myller dau. of John Myller, the elder, bp. 21 Jan.
1588/9* Grace Myller dau. of John Myller, bp. 2 Feb.
1589/90 Margaret Miller son (dau.) of John Myller, bp. 22 Feb.
1590/91* John Myller son of John Myller Jun^{r}, bp. 7 Mar.
1591/2 Jane Myller, dau. of John Myller the elder, bp. 26 Feb.
1592* Will'm Myller son of John Myller Jun^{r}., bp 21 May
1593 Richard Meller son of John Meller the elder, bp. 15 July
1593/4 Elizabeth Myller dau of Thomas Myller, bp. 3 Mar.
1594* Anne Myller dau. of John Myller, bp. 25 Aug.
1595 Thomas Myller son of Thomas Myller, bp. 18 May
1596* John Myller son of John Miller Jun^{r}., bp. 19 Apr.
1596 Sarah Myller dau. of John Myller bp. 17 Oct.
1596 Joan Myller dau. of Thomas Myller, bp. 5 Dec.
1597 John Myller son of John Myller Jun^{r}., bp. 10 July
1598 John Myller son of Thomas Myller, bp. 2 May

* Children of "Long John" Miller and wife Mary (Pylston).

1598 Anne Myller dau. of John Myller, bp. 1 Oct.
1598 Margaret Myller dau. of John Miller Junr., bp. 22 Oct.
1599/1600 Thomas son of John Miller bp. 4 Feb.
1600 Agnes dau. of Thomas Miller, bp. 3 May
1600/01 Ursula dau. of John Miller, bp. 1 Feb.
1601 Edward son of Tho. Miller, bp. 25 Oct.
1601/2 Elizabeth dau. of John Miller, bp. 20 Mar.
1603 Margaret son (sic) (daug.) of Thomas Miller bp. 2 Oct.
1603 Mary Myller dau of John, the elder, bp. 5 Dec.
1605 William son of Thomas Miller, bp. 7 Apr.
1606 Leonard son of John Miller bp. 22 July
1607/8 Mr. William Bendish, vicar of Bishopp Stortford, 1612
1608/9 Isaac son of Mr. Thomas Miller bp. 8 Jan.
1609 Thomas son of John Miller bp. 7 Nov.
1609/10 Mary dau. of Mr. Thomas Miller, bp. 18 Feb.
1612 George son of Mr. Thomas Miller bp. 10 May
1614 Danyel son of Thomas Miller, bp. 25 March
1616 Joseph Miller son of Thomas & Agnes, bp. 30 Dec.
1618 John Burnap son of Thomas and Mary bp. 1 Nov.
1618 Margaret Miller dau. of John & Martha, bp. 13 Dec.
1620 John Miller son of John & Martha, bp. 21 May
1621 Judith Burnap dau. of Thomas & Mary, bp. 1 June
1622 Sarah Miller dau. John and Martha bp. 26 May
1623 Mary Miller dau. Willm & Helen bp. 26 Oct.
1623/4 Anne Miller dau. John & Martha bp. 1 Jan.
1625 Willyam Miller son Willyam & Helen bp. 27 Dec.
1625 John Miller, Jr., church warden
1627 Willyam Miller son John & Martha, bp. 11 June
1628 James Miller son of William bp. 6 Oct.
1630 Anne Miller dau. of Thomas & Hester bp. 9 Oct.
1630/31 Richard Miller son Willm & Helen bp. 1 Mar.
1633 Thomas Miller son of Thomas & (Hester) bp. 28 Apr.
1633 Margaret Miller dau. of William & ——— bp. 23 July
1636 Ann Miller dau. of William & Ellen bp. 14 Apr.
1639/40 John Miller son of George & ——— bp. 22 Mar.
1640 Mary Miller dau. of John & Mary bp. 21 Dec.
1641 John Miller son of George & ——— bp. 8 Aug.
1642 Martha Miller dau. of John & ——— bp. 29 Mar.
1643 Sarah Miller dau. of John & Mary, bp. 2 May
1644 Ann Miller dau. of George & ——— bp. 25 Aug.
1644 John Miller son of John & Mary bp. 13 Oct.
1649 John Miller son of John & Elizabeth bp. 11 Nov.
1651 Mary Miller dau. of John Miller bp. 9 Oct.

Burials 1561–1679

1584 John Meller bur. 4 July
1585 Luce Meller bur. 10 Sept.
1590 Johanne Myller, wydow, bur. 3 Nov.
1590/91 John Myller son of John Myller the younger, bur. 19 Mar.
1592 Willm Myller bur. 12 Apr.
1592 Ellen Myller bur. 11 June
1594 Mary Meller bur. 13 July
1600 Thomas Miller bur. 10 June
1610 William son of John Miller bur. 8 Oct.
1612 John Miller bur. 18 Sept.
1614 Thomas son of John Miller bur. 23 Apr.

1621 Mary wife of long John Miller, bur. 6 Apr.
1624 Mary Miller, (dau.) of William & Helen bur. 3 Nov.
1624 John Miller Junr. church warden
1625 Bridgett Abbott widow & ancient bur. 13 Aug.
1627 Thomas Miller, Mr. of Arts, bur. 23 May
1629 Joan Miller bur. Sept. 25
1630 Agnes Miller wife of (Long John) John the elder bur. 6 Dec.
1633 John Miller Senr. bur. 11 Oct.
1633/4 ——— Miller son of William bur. 4 Jan.
1640 John Miller son of George bur. 27 Mar.
1640 John Miller, the elder, bur. 17 Apr.
1642 Martha Miller bur. 13 Nov.
1643 Joane Miller bur. 9 Apr.
1643 The widow (Agnes) of Mr. Thomas Miller bur. 8 Aug.
1645 John Miller bur. 19 July
1645 Mary Miller dau. of John bur. 10 Oct.
1650/1 John Miller, the elder, bur. 12 Jan.
1656 The wife of William Miller bur. 23 June
1660 William Miller son of William Miller bur. 25 Apr.
1663 William Miller churchwarden.
1665 Elizabeth wife of George Miller of London bur. 29 Aug.
1665 Mary Miller dau. of William bur. 3 Oct.
1665 William Miller bur. 5 Oct.
1665 Elizabeth dau. of William Miller bur. 12 Oct.
1666 James Miller son of John, bur. 28 July. Plague.
1666 Renborough Miller dau. of John, bur. 1 Aug. Plague.
1666 Thomas Miller son of John, bur. 12 Sept. Plague.
1666 John Miller bur. 12 Oct.
1667 Widow Miller, the elder, bur. 1 Apr.
1670 Mary Miller bur. 20 June
1670 John Miller son of John bur. 20 Aug.
1678 Jane (Browne) Miller wife of Thomas, bur. 10 Sept.

Appendix 14

Feet of Fines, Herts. Easter 38 Elizabeth (1596).

(Abstract) Final agreement made in the Queen's Court at "Westminister," from Easter Day in one month, 38 Elizabeth, before the Queen's Justices there, between John Gace & Thomas Mylller plaintiffs & George Abbott & Bridget, his wife, Edward Hake, gent, & Margaret, his wife, deforceants of 2 messuages, 1 barn, 2 gardens, one orchard & 5 acres of land in Bishop's Stortford als Stortford, whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them, that is, that the said George, Bridget & Edward & Margaret have acknowledged the same to be the right of John, as of their gift & that they have remised & quit-claimed for themselves & their heirs to the said John & Thomas & the heirs of John, for ever. And further for themselves & the heirs of George & Edward have granted to warrant John & Thomas & the heirs of John in the same against themselves & the heirs of George & Edward for ever. For which grant, acknowledgement, &c., John & Thomas have given them £80 sterling.

Herts.

John Miller. gentleman, and John Thurgood estate in Bishop's Stortford worth £10 per year 1599. (Hertford Sessions Rolls, 1581 to 1650.) John Miller, church warden, St. Michaels Church 1570–1571.

Feet of Fines, Herts.

Easter, 10 Charles I. 1635.

Final agreement made in the King's Court at Westminster, from Easter Day in 15 days, 10 Charles I, before the King's justices there, between Arthur Capell, Esq., plaintiff & Thomas[4] Miller & Hester his wife, Daniel Cramphorne & Agnes Miller, widow, deforciants of 28 acres of land, 4 acres of pasture & 2 acres of wood in Stortford, whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, to wit, that Thomas, Hester, Daniel & Agnes have acknowledged the said premises to be the right of the same Arthur, as of their gift & that they for themselves & their heirs have remised & quitclaimed to Arthur & his heirs for ever And further Thomas & Hester, for themselves & the heirs of Thomas have granted to warrant Arthur & his heirs in the same against themselves & the heirs of Thomas for ever And Daniel likewise against himself & his heirs & Agnes likewise against herself & her heirs. For which grant, warranty, &c. Arthur has given them £41 sterling.

Feet of Fines, Herts.

Easter, 1656.

Final agreement made in the Court of Common Bench, Westminster, from Easter Day in one month (1656) between *John Coller*, plaintiff & Thomas[5] Miller & Susan his wife, deforciants, of a messuage, one curtilage, one malting house, 3 barns, one stable, 3 yards, 2 gardens, 27 acres of land, with the appurtenances, in Stortford, whereupon a plea of covenant was summoned between them, that is that Thomas & Susan have acknowledged the premises to be the right of John, as of their gift & those which they remised & quitclaimed to him & his heirs for ever And moreover for themselves & the heirs of Thomas have granted to warrant John & his heirs in the premises against themselves & the heirs of Thomas for ever. For which acknowledgement, grant, &c., John has given them £60.

Feet of Fines, Herts.

Michaelmas, 29 Charles II (1677).

Final agreement made in the King's Court of Westminster, from St. Martin's Day in 15 days, 29 Charles II, Between John Wingfield & Robert Stotesbury, plaintiffs & Charles Veere & Mary his wife & John Miller & Elizabeth his wife, deforciants, of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 57 acres of land, 7 acres of meadow, 5 acres of pasture in Sawbridgeworth, whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them, that is, that *Charles*, *Mary*, *John Miller* & Elizabeth have acknowledged the premises to be the right of John Wingfield as of their gift & those they have remitted & quitclaimed to said John Wingfield & Robert & the heirs of John Wingfield for ever And further for themselves & the heirs of Mary & Elizabeth have granted to warrant John Wingfield & Robert & the heirs of John Wingfield in the same against themselves & the heirs of Mary & Elizabeth for ever. For which grant, &c., John Wingfield & Robert have given them £100 sterling.

(John Miller brother of Joseph Miller had a daughter Mary who married Mr. Charles Veere), thus Charles is a nephew by marriage of Joseph Miller.

Appendix 15

Court of Sessions Hertsfordshire

5–13, 20 May 1617. Elizabeth Miller* of Stortford, widow, for ploughing up within the six years last past a common cartway leading from Gallows Street

* Probably Elizabeth (Meade) Miller, widow of John Miller who died 1611/2.

or Galloway Street to the end of the Town of Stortford called "Northgate End" on East side of the land which she holds in the common field called Great Halfeacres and for making ditches and banks at the end of said cartway so that the public with their horses and wagons cannot pass.

5–227. Petition 9 Jan. 1636/7 of Dame Margaret Denny, Thomas Arthur, George Hawkins, John Miller and other inhabitants of Stortford relating to the parish rates in Stortford.

Appendix 16

From Hadham Hall Manor Rolls

1580 John Miller being present at Hadham Court.
1589 John Miller is deceased holding one acre in the Manor.
"John Miller his son and heir admitted fine 2s. 6d."
"He surrendered to his brother Thomas Miller who did not appear."
1590 Thomas Miller admitted to one acre in Stortford abutting Plantynes on west, on Thomas Miller's land south, west on John Gibbs land, north under a surrender 26 May 1589, 12d. rent 3s. 4d.
1592 Thomas Miller invited and excused.
1596 Thomas Miller invited and excused.
1600 July 26 Thomas Miller invited and present at Court.
1602 Thomas Miller invited and excused.
1604 Thomas Miller invited and excused.
1605 Thomas Miller invited and present.
1606 Thomas Miller, Gent, invited and present, 1606–1627.
1628 Thomas Miller, Gent, is deceased holding one acre copy hold in Stortford abutting on Plantynes. Thomas Miller his son of full age admitted 12s.
April 1631 "Joane Marshall is deceased and Thomas Miller . . . is her brother and heir."

Addendum

Margaret (Miller) Waterman (1603–1682/3), sister of Joseph Miller of Newton, Mass., married Thomas Waterman of Roxbury about 1650 as the widow of John Stonard. She married Stonard May 12, 1631, in St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, London (par. reg.). They arrived in Roxbury before 1645; purchased house and land (8 acres) from Richard Pepper for £50. (John Stonard inventory, Aug. 20, 1649.) Mortgaged house and land to Governor Thomas Dudley, 1645; mortgage discharged, Jan., 1646 (Suffolk County Liber 1, Folio 62). Probably had children. Inventory contains this: "Itm 1 trundle bedd." John Stonard died Aug. 13, 1649, "a midle aged man or little more." Joseph Stonnard of Hadham, 1662, was possibly a son of John and Margaret Stonnard.

(*To be continued*)

SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH MILLER OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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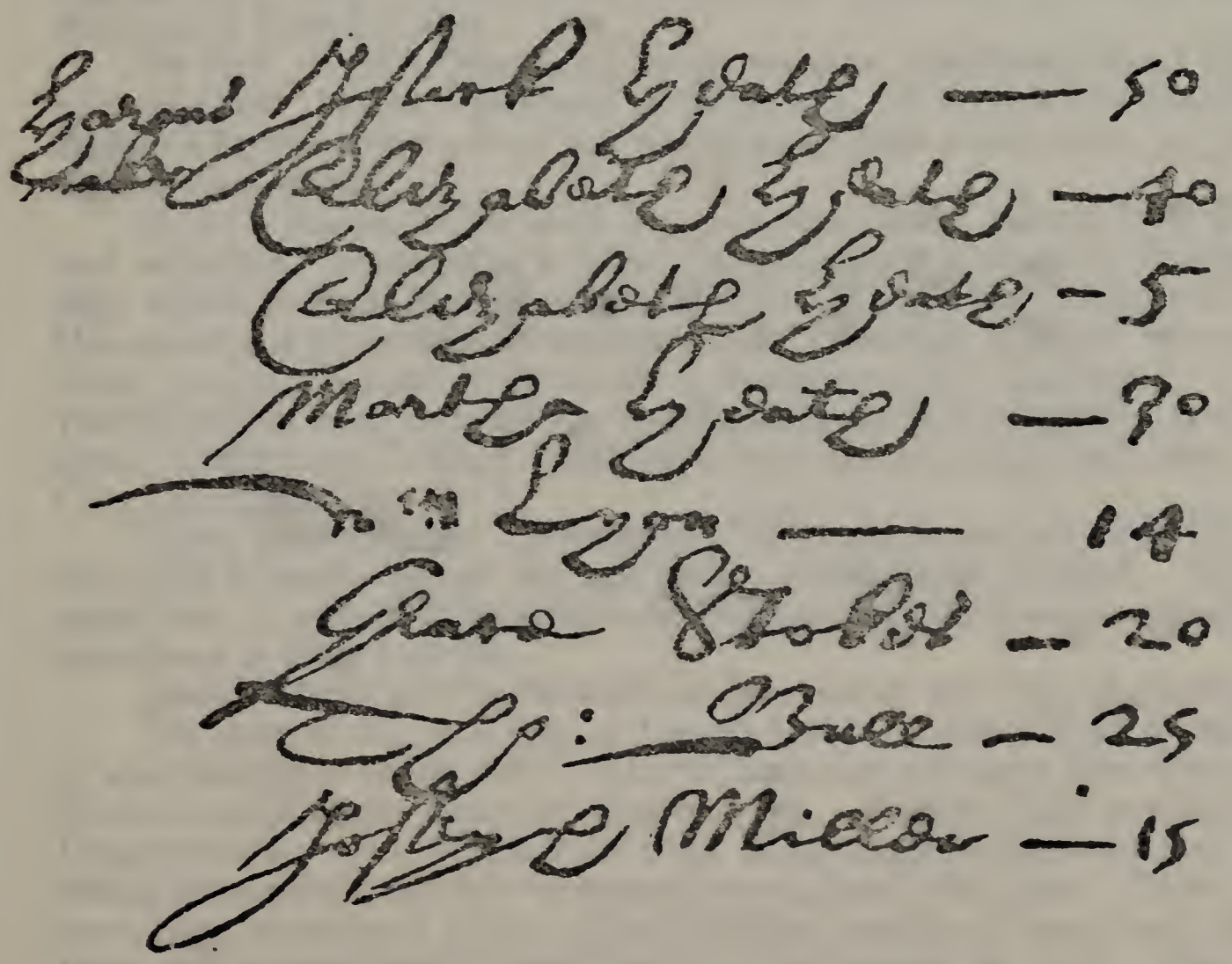
In a previous article in the Record (beginning Vol. LXX, page 139) is given an account of the Miller family of Bishop's Stortford, co. Herts, England, and in that article are given the reasons why it is believed that Joseph Miller of Newton, Mass., is identical with the Joseph Miller who was the 13th child of Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., of Bishop's Stortford, and his wife Agnes.

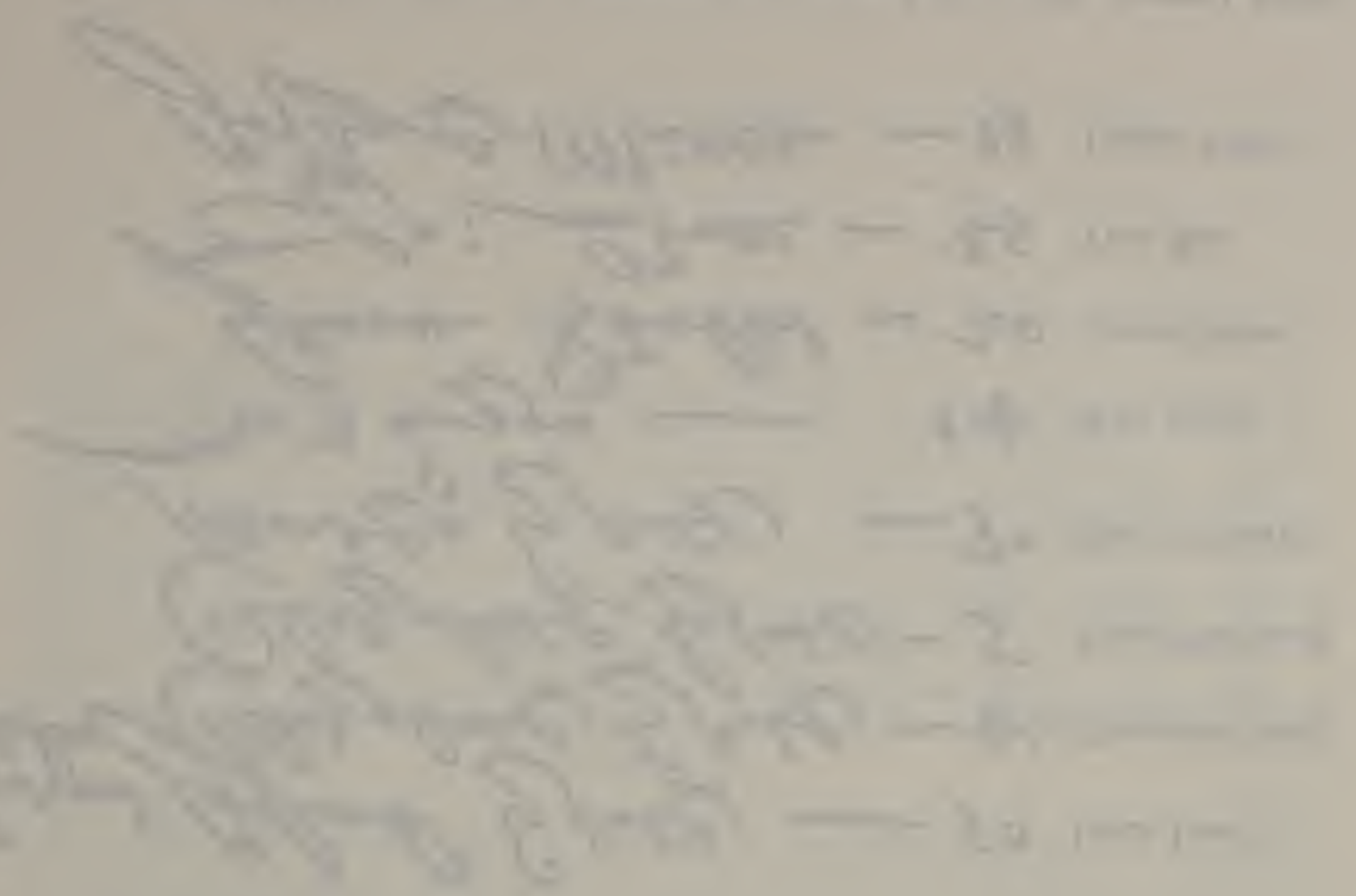
This Joseph Miller was baptized in Bishop's Stortford on Dec. 30, 1616, and we believe that he is the Joseph Miller, "aged 15" (actually 18), who emigrated on the "Hopewell" September, 1635, in company with his eldest sister Elizabeth Miller Heath, "age 40" (actually 42), the oldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Miller, baptized March 3, 1593.

Following is a facsimile of eight entries to the passenger list on the "Hopewell," September 11, 1635. This group is reproduced by photostat made from the original records in the Public Record Office, London, November, 1938, by the College of Arms.


— 50 Isack Heath
— 40 Elizabeth Heath
— 5 Elizabeth Heath
— 30 Martha Heath
— 14 Wm. Lyon
— 20 Grace Stokes
— 25 Tho. Bull
— 15 Joseph Miller

Isack Heath, "age 50," arms maker, came from Little Amwell where Agnes (Miller) Burnap, sister of Mrs. Elizabeth (Miller) Heath, and wife of Robert Burnap, lived from 1634 to 1638.

Elizabeth Heath, "age 40," married Isaac Heath about 1628. Baptized 1593 she was 42½ years old—age 40 is an error.



Elizabeth Heath, "age 5," was the only child of Elizabeth and Isaac.

Martha Heath, "age 30," was a niece of Isaac and dau. of William.

William Lyon, 14 years old, bp. at Heston near London, Dec. 23, 1620, traveling in care of Isaac Heath (*Lyon Genealogy*).

Grace Stokes, "age 20," probably the nurse of baby Elizabeth Heath or governess of the boy William Lyon.

Thomas Bull, "age 25," possibly Thomas Bull of Bishop's Stortford, settled in Hartford and deposed in 1681 that he was about 75 years old. Hence, in 1635 he was 29 years old—an error of four years.

Joseph Miller, "age 15," was born 1616—an error of three years.

The entries in one handwriting, probably with a quill-pen, contain several errors as follows: The letter "t" in the first three Heaths is not crossed. The letter "i" and the letter "t" in the name Elizabeth, which appears twice, have undotted i's and uncrossed t's. All of these errors confirm the oft-stated opinion that these records are unreliable.

The Heath family with Joseph Miller arrived in Roxbury in November, 1635. Naturally Joseph Miller would at first join the family of Isaac Heath.

Town Records of Cambridge, Mass., show that Joseph Miller found work there in 1635 or '36. Clapp's *Hist. of Dorchester* records "Joseph Miller of Dorchester," who settled in Newton. At the settlement of the estate of Nathaniel Sparhawk, who died June 27, 1647, Joseph Miller owed the estate 2*s* 11*d* (*N.E.H.G. Register*, v. 7, p. 176).

On June 4, 1652, as a "proprietor of Cambridge," Joseph Miller was granted Lot No. 25, containing 15 acres, in Shawshine (Billerica) (*Camb. Town Records*, 97). Two years later on Dec. 22, 1654, at a county court held in Charlestown, Mary Brigham of Cambridge appeared (in court files) upon a warrant of Joseph Miller.

On Sept. 7, 1668, Joseph Miller deposed in Middlesex Court (File 17, No. 5) and stated that he was about 48 years old. If he was the Joseph Miller of Bishop's Stortford his actual age would have been a little over 51 years—not a serious discrepancy.

In 1674 Joseph Miller with his wife and family moved from Charlestown and settled in "Cambridge Village," now Newton (Jackson's *History of Newton*), where in 1676, he was chosen surveyor of highways (Paige's *Hist. Camb.*). He was one of 52 persons inhabitants of "Cambridge Village," who on May 10, 1678, petitioned that it be made a separate town (Jackson). About 1679 Joseph Miller went to Roxbury and took the oath of allegiance with Roxbury-men. Cambridge Village until 1679 was not an organized town. (Boston City Document No. 100.)

Three years later, in 1682, Joseph Miller made another deposition in which he called himself "about 64" (Wyman, *Charlestown Estates*). This is added proof that Joseph Miller came from Bishop's Stortford as his actual age would have been a little over 65.

Joseph Miller died in Newton on November 28, 1697 (Jackson's *Newton*).

The date of the marriage of Joseph Miller to Mary Pope is unknown, but it was probably about 1652. Mary Pope was the only (surviving?) child of Walter and Eleanor Pope of Charlestown. Walter Pope bought a house in Charlestown of one Wignall in 1630 (Charlestown Records, 94, 108), so it would seem probable that he was married about this time. Mary could have been born as early as 1631. Other children may have been born and died, for there was an epidemic of small pox in Charlestown in 1632. Exact dates are not known, as the early records of Charlestown were destroyed. Walter Pope died between 1635 and 1639, and naturally one-third of his estate would go to his wife Eleanor and two-thirds to his daughter Mary, his only living child (*Ibid.*).

About 1639, Walter Pope's widow Eleanor married Richard Miller

(Wyman), no known relation to Joseph Miller. A Richard Miller, son of John and Elizabeth Miller, was born in Bishop's Stortford 1593, who died in infancy. On Oct. 28, 1640, five acres of land were granted to Mary Pope, "only child of Walter Pope," who had "died previous to 1640" (Frothingham's *Hist. of Charlestown*).

Richard and Eleanor Miller had two children, James, born on June 3, 1642, and Hannah, born in 1643 (Wyman). "Elinor Milior" joined the church in Charlestown Nov. 4, 1643 (*Ibid.*). Richard Miller died about 1648 (*Ibid.*), and his widow married about 1649–50 as her third husband Henry Harbard of Charlestown (*Ibid.*). Eleanor Harbard as a witness deposed Dec. 17, 1662 (Lawsuit Gleason *vs.* Norton & Davidson) and stated she was 60 or thereabouts; hence she was born about 1602. She died in Charlestown Nov. 17, 1667 (Wyman and Court Files Middlx Co.).

Henry Harbard, who had married another wife, Elizabeth George, widow, made his will August 29, 1676, which was proved Dec. 18, 1677 (Court Rec.). One clause in his will is quoted as follows:

"It. I give unto all the children of Joseph Miller after my wife's decease all the land and ground that I had and did enjoy by *my former wife their grandmother* to them and every [one] of them equally to be divided, I say all that did belong to their grandmother and not only that land which was sometime their grandmother's but also I give unto Joseph Miller's children that land I purchased of Goodman Killcupp I mean that part of it that lies within the fence whereon the Hay housing stands; the other part next the water side I dispose of otherwise" (Middlx. Probate, No. 11188).

Henry Harbard died in Charlestown Oct. 22, 1677 (Charlestown Rec.). But before his will was probated the following agreement was entered into:

"Articles of Agreement between Elizabeth Herbert, widow, and James Miller executors of the last will of Henry Herbert deceded on the one part and Joseph Miller, husband to Walter Pope's only daughter Mary, on the other part, was made 7th day of November, 1677.

"It is agreed that Joseph Miller have present possession of the house of the aforesaid Henry Herbert built and lived in till his decease, with all the land thereunto adjoyneing bounded with the land of Mr. Joseph Lindes on the noewest and the Creeke on the southwest for all which the aforesaide executors paye Joseph Miller five shillings rent until March next.

"2dly It is agreed that the aforesaid James Miller shall have and injoy a peece of land about two accres lying next Charlestown Comon which was bought by the aforesaid Henry Herbert of William Kileny and possession given by the said Herbert to James Miller since the making of his will as appears by the testimony of —— Bralier [Edw. Brasier or Brazier] and Jno Greene and severall others, on which James Miller began to build and fence before the said Henry Herbert's death.

"In witness of the premises the above mentioned partyes have hereunto set their hands dated as above.

(Signed) "Elizab; Herbert
her marke
James Miller

Joseph Miller
Mary Miller"

(Middlesex County Registry of Deeds, 6:1470).

JOSEPH MILLER'S CHILDREN NAMED AFTER ROXBURY RELATIVES

After their marriage, about 1652, Joseph Miller and Mary Pope had several children: Joseph, named for his father; Jane, after his own cousin Jane Miller

who married John Chandler, brother of Margaret (Chandler) Denison; Anna or Hannah, probably named after Joseph's sister Ann Burnap, who though baptized as Agnes, was called Ann when she married Robert Burnap; Elizabeth, undoubtedly named after Joseph's sister Elizabeth Heath; Thomas, undoubtedly named after Joseph's revered father, Mr. Thomas Miller, M.A., of Bishop's Stortford; and Samuel.

Mary (Pope) Miller lived on in Newton after the death of her husband in 1697, and died there March 14, 1710 (Jackson's *History of Newton*).

First Generation in America

1. Joseph[1] Miller bp. at Bishop's Stortford, co. Herts, England, Dec. 30, 1616 (O.S.), son of Mr. Thomas (John, John) Miller; emigrated to New England on "Hopewell," 1635, probably lived in Roxbury, then in 1636 in Cambridge, Mass., up to about 1652, when he married Mary Pope, only child of Walter and Eleanor Pope of Charlestown: moved with his family to West Newton, Mass., in 1674, where he died Nov. 28, 1697, and his widow died March 14, 1710.

Children (Miller):

2. i. Joseph[2] *, b. probably in Charlestown about 1656; died a bachelor in Newton Feb. 12, 1710. On Feb. 7, 1705/6 he deeded his "home, tenement, housing and lands, adjoining his brother Thomas Miller on ye west" to his loving brother Samuel Miller husbandman, "for and in consideration of love and goodwill and affection which I have and do beare towards my loving Brother" (Mddlx. Co. Deeds, 1706–7).
3. ii. Jane[2], b. probably in Charlestown about 1661; died in Newton August 31, 1719, unmarried. She quitclaims her interest "of that estate . . . yt. my honored father Joseph Miller late of Newton, decs. was possessed of" (Mddlx. Co. Deeds, B. 16 p. 534).
4. iii. Anna[2] (Hannah), b. 1665–6 probably in Charlestown; died in Newton Sept. 30, 1741, aged 76, unmarried. Date of death from private records in Hyde Family Bible, neighbors in Newton, Mass.
+ 5. iv. Elizabeth[2], b. about 1670, in Charlestown.
+ 6. v. Thomas[2], bp. April 9, 1675, in "Cambridge Village" (Paige).
+ 7. vi. Samuel[2], bp. Sept. 24, 1678, in "Cambridge Village" (Paige).

Second Generation

5. Elizabeth[2] Miller born about 1670 in Charlestown; married Apr. 5, 1694, as his second wife, John Park, son of Thomas and Abigail (Dix) Park. He was born in Newton, Sep. 6, 1656, and died March 21, 1718. Will of John Park mentions "wife Elizabeth administratrix."

Children (Park):

8. i. Elizabeth[3], b. Feb. 24, 1695; died young.
9. ii. John[3], b. Dec. 20, 1696 in Newton; mar. July 14, 1720, Abigail Lawrence of Newton. He died May 21, 1747. Six children.

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* Joseph Miller, Jr. and not his father, was made a Freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony July 25, 1685. At the same time six others, well identified citizens of Newton, were all made Freemen.

1. Joseph Miller, aged about 29.
2. Capt. Noah Wiswell, aged 47.
3. Edward Jackson, aged 33.
4. William Robinson, aged about 35.
5. Joseph Wilson, age 30.
6. John Miricke, about 25.
7. Samuel Truesdale, aged 39.

"*These* are all *above* 24 years of age."
(Mass. Archives, Vol. 106, page 510.)

10. iii. Solomon[3], b. Oct. 16, 1699, Newton; mar. June 21, 1722, Lydia Lawrence of Newton. He died Jan. 3, 1754. Seven children.
11. iv. Elizabeth[3], b. Feb. 27, 1701, Newton; mar. Nov. 30, 1720, Joseph Morse of Newton.
12. v. Abigail[3], b. April 20, 1702, Newton; mar. June 16, 1724, Nathaniel Whittemore.
13. vi. Rev. Joseph[3], b. Mar. 12, 1705, Newton; mar. June 15, 1732, Abigail Greene. He died Mar. 1, 1777. Nine children.
14. vii. Mary[3], b. Mar. 17, 1708, Newton; mar. July 13, 1727, Isaac Sanger.

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Avery, Fairchild and Park Families, 1919, page 96.

6. THOMAS[2] MILLER, bp. Apr. 9, 1675, in Newton, Mass. married 1st, Mar. 23, 1710, Elizabeth Fuller, da. of Joshua Fuller; married 2nd about 1712, Experience Fuller, sister of his first wife. He built a house on Fuller St. before 1705, which later was inherited by his son. Thomas[2] Miller died Nov. 4, 1713, age 38.

Children (Miller):

By his first wife Elizabeth Fuller:

15. i. Elizabeth[3], b. Jan. 20, 1711; died Aug. 17, 1713.

By his second wife Experience Fuller:

+ 16. ii. Thomas[3], b. May 5, 1713.

(*To be continued*)

NOTE ON DUTCH RECORDS OF ULSTER COUNTY

A typed volume, bearing the title: "An Inventory of the Translations of the Early Dutch Records of Ulster County, Three Volumes, Ulster County Clerk's Office, Kingston, N. Y. Prepared in August 1939, by Matthew Cully and John McLean, research assistants of the Historical Records Survey" has recently been placed in the above-mentioned office. A notice of this work in the January, 1940, *New York History*, mistakenly calls it an index, and states that it "makes possible for the first time the location of wills, mortgages, court minutes, surrogate's records, and much other material of great interest for the period 1658–1788." The nearest approach to an index is the table of contents, which groups the material alphabetically according to the general character, such as Accounts: Deeds: Marriage Record: Wills: and so on. Almost no names of persons are given. The arrangement may be of use to students of law or history in helping them to find their material, but is not convenient for genealogists. It seems to be generally overlooked that an index by name and brief abstracts of these translated Dutch records was published many years ago in volume K–L, Grantors, Index of Public Records of the County of Albany. If more work is to be done on them, a revised translation and full transcript would be highly desirable, beginning, of course, from April 18, 1664, where Samuel Oppenheim's excellent translations end. There is the richest sort of material in these records. Their genealogical value has never been fully explored; their historical and social content is even greater.

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DESCENDANTS OF HENRY FOWLER OF ROXBURY, MASS., PROVIDENCE, R. I., EASTCHESTER AND MAMARONECK, N. Y.

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119. Pexall[4] Fowler (Jeremiah, Esq.[3], Jeremiah[2], Henry[1]), son of Jeremiah Fowler of Eastchester, Fox Meadow in Scarsdale, and Westchester, was born between 1737 and 1740, at Westchester. The time is placed between these dates because of the difference in the records of his enlistment in 1758 ae. 21, and of his death in N. Y. City on Jan. 14, 1815, ae. 74 years.[a] He married in N. Y. City, Sept. 3, 1763, Ann Day,[b] daughter of Isaac and Susannah (Delameter) Day, who at that time were keeping a tavern in Harlem then included in the Out Ward of the City. Ann Day was bapt. Dec. 22, 1745 at Hackensack, N. J.,[c] and is thought to have been the Ann Fowler of N. Y. City whose death, ae. 70, was published in the Long Island *Star* of Mch. 13, 1816.[d]

Paxall Fowler (printed "Bexel"), volunteered out of Capt. Jonathan Fowler's company of East and West Chester Militia for active service under his uncle Capt. Jonathan Fowler, Apr. 15, 1758. His age is given as 21 yrs., a joiner [inside carpenter] and he is described as being 5 ft. 8 in. in height with gray eyes and dark brown visage.[e]

On the first Tuesday in Dec., 1760, Pexcel Fowler brought suit in the Westchester Mayor's Court against Floyd Stevenson,[f] and on the first Tuesday in Feb., 1761, a judgment was rendered in his favor. By the will of his mother (then widow of Joshua Hunt of Westchester) dated May 23, and probated July 5, 1762, Pexall Fowler and his brothers Jeremiah and Benjamin and half-sister Mary Hunt, each were to receive a sum of money, after the death of their sister Elizabeth Fowler.[g]

As Pexall Fowler's wife Ann was the only child of Isaac and Susannah Day, innkeepers of Harlem, and as she and her then living children, according to the will of Isaac Day, dated Jan., 1777, were, after the death or re-marriage of his wife Susannah, to receive all the proceeds from the sale of his estate, it is presumed that Jeremiah Fowler and his wife Ann (Day) lived at the Day Tavern after their marriage, and until the death or re-marriage of Susannah Day. There is no evidence to the contrary.

At a meeting of the Common Council of N. Y. City, held at the City Hall, on Monday, Sept. 30, 1771, Pexel Fowler and James Waldron were appointed constables for the Harlem Division of the Out Ward of the City, and at the meeting held on Oct. 14, were sworn in. At a meeting held on Sept. 25, 1772, it was ordered that the Mayor issue a warrant to the Treasurer of the City to pay "Pexsel" Fowler or order, the sum of 20*s.* 6*d.* in full for his account for horse hire and loss of time in transporting sundry vagrants by order of Alderman Dikeman.[gg]

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[a] Records of the Board of Health, N. Y. City, obtained by Mr. B. Sherman Fowler.
[b] *N. Y. Marriage Licenses*, 143, and Records of the N. Y. Dutch Ref. Ch., Marriages, p. 213.
[c] Hackensack, N. J. Dutch Ref. Ch., Vol. I, p. 194; and Riker's *Hist. of Harlem*, N. Y. City.
[d] Information furnished by Mrs. Josephine C. Frost.
[e] *Report of the N. Y. State Historian*, Vol. I, p. 885.
[f] Manuscript in the N. Y. Hist. Soc. Library ("Leggett Collection").
[g] *Abs. of N. Y. Wills*, VI, 161.
[gg] *Minutes of the Common Council of the City of N. Y., 1766–1773*, Vol. 7, pp. 318, 321, 377.

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